

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 26, 2023



Welcome...

In 1973, Rev. Reinhold Krone, who served as our Minister of Education and Youth, wrote: "The times have changed greatly, but the mission through the total span of First Church's history has always been the same: to tell others of our Savior."

50 years later, we're still at the same work - telling others about our Savior Jesus Christ and growing together in His grace.

We're glad you're here with us today as we worship and meet the One who walks with us on life's journeys. Through all the changing scenes of life, He will never let us go. At First Church, you'll find an adventurous community of fellow travelers pointing each other to Jesus as we walk.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"I Lay My Sin on Jesus"

"Why"

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Jim Oord

Congregational Worship

#306 *"Standing on the Promises of God"* (vs. 1 & 3)

#115 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

#213 *"When I Survey"* (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

#492 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"* (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-36

Sermon

"Covenant: God Prepares Us for a New Covenant"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"What Wondrous Love Is This?"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

#479 *"O How He Loves You & Me"*

*Postlude

"The Old Rugged Cross"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

CARE...

Carol Barnes broke her hip while in Florida and is in rehab at Buffalo Crossing Assisted Living, 3875 Watchwood Lane, Room 145 in The Villages, FL.

Barb DeWolf has pneumonia and is experiencing a slow recovery at Village Woods, Rm. 514.

Anne Koval is recovering from two fractured lumbar vertebrae. She had two MRI's Thursday, March 16, and is waiting for results.

Alice Kats has been transitioned to hospice care in her home.

Norma Knopf has completed her chemo treatments and will be starting radiation treatments soon.

Kathy Oord is scheduled for a double mastectomy this Wednesday, March 29, which will be followed by four-to-six weeks of radiation treatments.

Rachel Wooley has started a new chemotherapy. Please pray that the side effects will be minimal.

Pray for **Marsha Pilipow** as she tends to the health of her aging mother, Patricia, whose medical condition has gotten worse.

Lula Brown, Felicia Flowers' mother, is recovering from breast cancer surgery.

Christopher Nelson continues in a monitoring stage watching for new lump growth.

Dianne Gruger, the mother of Megan DeYoung, has completed her treatments for lung cancer. She is in a monitoring stage and will be tested again in the future.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Don & Myrna Eytcheson, 17324 Greenwood Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 19

Basket Total: \$16,566.00; Online Total: \$1,930.00

Giving Total: \$18,496.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

First Security: Barry Voss

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Rodger Norris

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Joanne Hoeksema, and Ellen Nelson

MONDAY, MARCH 27

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Heritage Room

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

6:00PM: Our last Lenten Service in the Chapel

COMMUNION & PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2

GREETERS: Robert Wooley and Aaron Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Peter Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

CHURCH LIFE...

TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST CHURCH: We want to take this opportunity to personally update you on our cancer journey. We have been overwhelmed by the care and concern you continue to show us. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for the prayers, cards, delicious meals, and the many tokens of kindness offered on our behalf. Kathy finished her chemotherapy treatments on February 24. She had an MRI & Pet scan at the beginning of March. It appears the chemo did what it was supposed to do, and the tumors have shrunk. (Praise God!) Kathy is scheduled for double mastectomy surgery on Wednesday, March 29. This will be followed by 4-6 weeks of radiation. We covet your continued love & prayers as we go through the coming days. We continue to be held fast by our sovereign Heavenly Father and rely on His strength to carry us through. Great is His faithfulness! He will hold us fast!
- Rev. Wybren & Kathy Oord

THE WORDS OF PSALM 30 come to mind as we thank the congregation for the prayers, cards, meals, and expressions of love and concern that were extended to us during Mike's recent surgeries and hospitalization. The calls and visits from Pastor Jim, Pastor Rich, Anthony, and office staff were also much appreciated. It is a blessing to be part of this family at First Reformed Church.

- Mike and Joanne Hoeksema

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Jane Ackerman, our church accountant, on the passing of her father, Thomas Weemhoff, on Monday, March 20.

VISITATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE for Betty Paarlberg will be held on **Saturday, April 1** in the Chapel. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at 4:00pm with the service starting at 5:00pm.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! We are forming an Easter Choir to help lead us in worship on Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to participate, please join us for our large group rehearsal on **Wednesday, April 5**, at 6:00pm (with the bell choir and timpani joining us at 7:00pm). Contact Anthony if you would like to participate, so he can give you music ahead of time.

LENT 2023 began with Ash Wednesday. It is the time of year we orient our hearts toward repentance and new growth as we remember the sacrifice of Christ. We have our final Wednesday service on **March 29:** Examen Bible Study at 6:00pm in the Chapel.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Service for all ages at 9:30am

CLOTHING CLOSET: Our Free Clothing Closet will be open on the 2nd Saturday (9:00-11:00am) and 4th Thursday (4:00-6:00pm) of each month. Please get the word out to anyone you think could be blessed by this resource! Flyers are available from the church office upon request if you want to distribute them at your school, favorite coffeeshop, jobsite, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Pastor Jim.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES for all ages from 11:10am-noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

- All children from preschool to- 5th grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there.
- 6th - 8th grade meets in the Chapel
- Tibstra House meets in the Heritage Room
- **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY** •

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!

SERMON NOTES...

Jeremiah 31:31-36

“Covenant: God Prepares Us for a New Covenant”

Rev. James Oord

PRAYER ROOM: Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.



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To get to know you better, please fill out our **Welcome Card** in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you want more information about the life of First Church, make sure to include your email address.

SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday