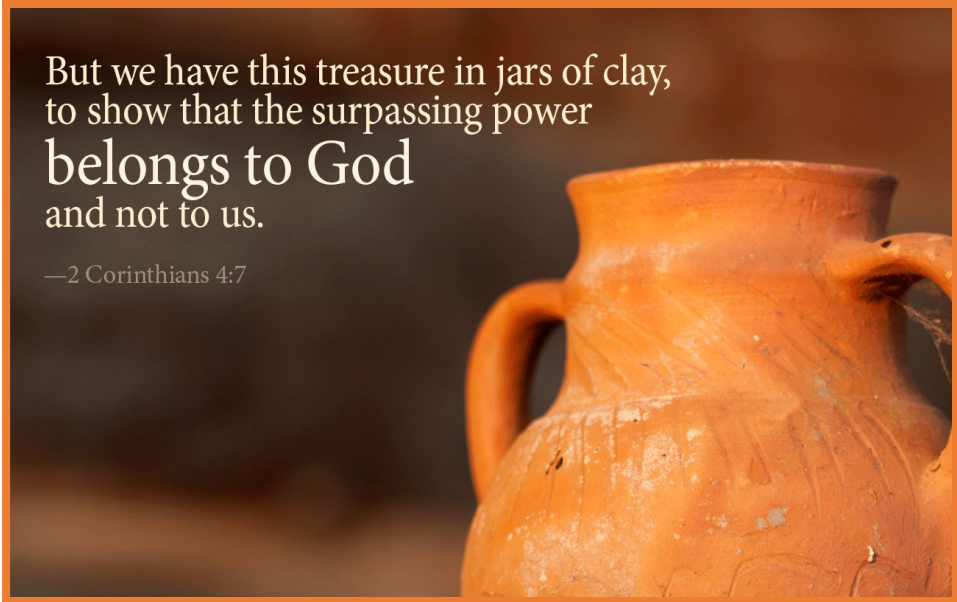


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Communion, May 7, 2023



But we have this treasure in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power
belongs to God
and not to us.

—2 Corinthians 4:7

Welcome...

Eastertide is the 50-day period beginning with Easter Sunday and ending with the celebration of Pentecost. How beautiful that the Church's celebration of

New Life and Resurrection aligns with the season of Spring here in the Northern Hemisphere. As one hymn puts it, "See, the spring of souls today, Christ has burst death's prison!" Just as the dreary drab cold of winter bursts into green new life around us, we experience the life-giving power of the gospel as we meet Jesus here.

For 175 years, First Reformed Church has been a place celebrating the "spring of souls" that we find in Jesus. So, whether you've been worshipping here for 90+ years, whether this is your first time here, whether you're old or young,

a lifelong Christian or someone seeking answers to life's questions, this is a place to meet Jesus, our risen Lord, and find new life, abundant life, changed life, meaningful life in him.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"I Love to Tell the Story"
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
"Goodness of God"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Psalm 62"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #50 & 51
II Corinthians 4

Sermon

"New Covenant Realities: Gifted and Safe"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"El Senor es Mi Luz - Psalm 27"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"The Day of Resurrection"

Postlude

"Siyahamba - We Are Marching in the Light of God"

*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...

Grace Jacobsma is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

Bev Van Dommelen continues her recovery from a broken leg.

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.

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

Norma Knopf has finished radiation treatments and is continuing to recover from the side effects of the treatments. She will be undergoing further tests and hormonal therapy.

Kathy Oord will be undergoing six weeks of radiation treatment beginning sometime mid-May.

Rachel Wooley's tumor in the colon is gone. The tumors in the liver are now being treated with immunotherapy and chemotherapy.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Senior Living #409, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 30

Basket Total: \$4,933.00

Online Total: \$960.00

Giving Total: \$5,893.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR MAY 7...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

First Security: Mike Costello

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MAY 7

GREETERS: Lucas VanderWoude and Steve VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Peter Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Ellen Nelson, and Gail Housman

MONDAY, MAY 8

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MAY 9

6:00PM: Congregational Meeting and Meal in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 13

1:00PM: Memorial Service for Randy Gretz in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 14 – Mother's Day

GREETERS: Trina Taylor and Jim DeGroot; **WELCOME CENTER:** Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Bella VanderWoude, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Lisa Triemstra, and Deb Woltzen

CHURCH LIFE...

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RANDY GRETZ: Tricia Paarlberg and the family of Randy Gretz invite the congregation to a memorial service this **Saturday, May 13**, at 1:00pm, here at church. Memorial donations may be made in his name to Elim Christian Services and/or First Reformed Church of South Holland.

IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS is a packet with the minutes from the 2022 Congregational Meeting, the proposed annual budgets for 2023/2024, and some reports. Please review and take this packet along with you to our annual Congregational Meeting on **Tuesday, May 9**, at 7:00PM.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon, and Trustees:

ELDER NOMINEES: Don DeGraff, Russ Paarlberg, and Clint Verhagen

DEACON NOMINEES: Sara Jabaay and Noreen VanDeursen

TRUSTEE NOMINEES: Mark Spiekhout and Don VanDeursen

(Our Consistory is working toward the goal of a team of 9 elders and 9 deacons.)

LEAN IN 2023: Our annual congregational meeting will be held this **Tuesday, May 9**, beginning at 6:00pm. This year's meeting will include a fellowship meal as we meet (this will be in lieu of our First Wednesday Fellowship Meal)! Our theme will be "Lean In 2023." Important information and ideas will be shared as we celebrate our 175th anniversary and look forward to an exciting future for our ministry. We will also approve a church budget and elect elders, deacons, and trustees (eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age). Stay tuned for more details! Sign up at the Welcome Centers if you plan to attend this important meeting.

PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee Ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 9. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of "yes" or "no" for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

COOKIE DUTY MEMBERS: Please look in your mailbox for the next 4 months' schedule for your cookie duty. Thank you.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Over the summer, we will be reviving our Book Club for the months of June, July, and August. Books will be distributed at the beginning of the month; we will meet to discuss what we've read on the last Sunday of each month, following our church service. Sign up at the Welcome Centers.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're starting a series of "Getting to Know You" slides where our church family can meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. We'll be starting with members of our staff but stay tuned... maybe you'll be interviewed next!

CLOTHING CLOSET DRIVE: From now until Mother's Day (Sunday, May 14), we will be collecting items for our Free Clothing Closet. We are working on creating menstrual hygiene packs which will need the following items: tampons of various strengths, pads, small packs of wipes, individual-sized hand sanitizers, and, small bottles of pain relievers. In addition, we are *always* looking to stock up on deodorant, toothbrushes, new socks (in packaging), and new underwear (in packaging). Please consider donating one or more of these items! Donations can be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

AREA REMINDERS...

THE 29TH CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET will be held on **Tuesday, May 16**. It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Reception starts at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by tomorrow to office@cpoministries.org or to Noreen at the CPO office 708-331-3301.

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, September 23**, is the Elim Dutch Festival. Please think of ways in which you can be part of this wonderful ministry serving children and adults with disabilities. We will need volunteers that day, baked or candy goodies, craft items, or any type of donation is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Judy Gill or Lynn Hoeksema.

DONATE YOUR EXPIRED EYEWEAR to someone in need. All donations go to the South Holland Lions Club for 'Healthy Vision Month.' Your donation can be dropped off to the South Holland Public Library at the Circulation Desk or at our Welcome Centers.

SERMON NOTES...

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #50 & #51

II Corinthians 4

“New Covenant Realities: Gifted and Safe”

Pastor Jim 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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Church Custodian

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Church Accountant

Darcy Daly

Nursery Coordinator

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*Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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