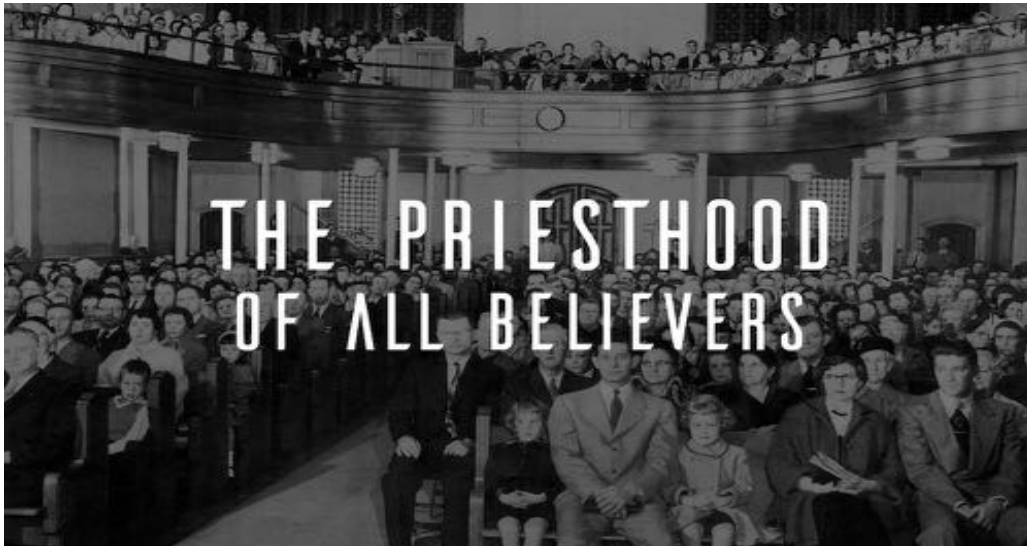


FIRST **REFORMED** CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021



Welcome...

The season from Pentecost through the start of Advent is called "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time falls in the growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, and it's a time to celebrate the way God's Kingdom grows in big ways and small ways.

What is your "ordinary?"

What are the everyday celebrations and struggles you take with you this morning?

What questions are scrawled on the pages of your life?

God meets us in our "ordinaries" and leads us into something extraordinary:

He creates a community from the disparate;

He centers voices from the margins;

He changes patterns of self-serving into habits of service;

He challenges division with the diversity and unity of his family;

He channels the mercy and grace of Christ into your life and into our world.

This is the "ordinary" work of the Church.

Come, join us in this extraordinary life we live together.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"How Firm A Foundation"
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor James Oord

*Congregational Worship

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
"Christ Our Hope In Life & Death"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor James Oord

Song of Assurance

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon

"From Dry Bones to Living Stones"

Song of Response

"As For Me and My House"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor James Oord

Offertory

"Cornerstone"

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"God Be With You"

*Organ Postlude

"How Firm a Foundation"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

CARE...

Lenora Anker is in Hospice Care at Beecher Manor.

Roger Bovenkerk has returned home from the hospital.

Celeste DeBoer has been admitted to Ingalls Hospital, Room 641, Bed 1.

Sherry Gouwens is recuperating at home from knee replacement surgery.

Nick Paarlberg is recovering at home from foot surgery.

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

Bob Brink is recovering from eye surgery he had on Tuesday, October 12. Cards can be sent to him at the Tibstra House, 271 E. 161st Street, SH, IL 60473.

Don Rietveld, son of Betty Paarlberg, has been approved for a lung transplant. Pray that a donor will be found soon.

Lindsay Robertson, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, is in partial remission and has begun a new kind of chemo which hopefully will bring him to complete remission.

Jean Schultz, Deb Woltzen's mother, has been able to leave the hospital and is now at Park Place in St. John, Faith House for rehab, Room 10.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Diane Snyder, 774 E. 164th St., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Basket Total: \$4,871.53; Online Total: \$ 2,036.00

Special Offering: \$1,000.00

Giving Total \$7,907.53; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL NOT MEET TODAY; it will resume next Sunday and all ages are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word. Sunday School runs from 11:00am – noon.

- All children from preschool to fifth grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there.
- 3 - 4-year-olds – Elisha Room (behind the Heritage Room)
- K – 2nd grade – Library
- 3rd – 5th grade – Genesis Room
- The 6th – 8th graders will meet in the Heritage Room. The high schoolers will meet in the Loft.
- Our adult class will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am.
- Need help finding a class? Ask at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet again on **Tuesday, November 9**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the homework from Session 3, "The Holy Spirit" page 40-69 in your study guide. Please be prepared to discuss your answers. Hope to see you there!

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



Let's reach our goal! It is a great time to be a part of our First Church Family. The deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support of the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and your donations. Currently, we need to complete raising funds to pay for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. We are making steady progress, but we still need to raise \$35,324.94 to add to the \$89,553.46 that has been raised thus far. For more information or with any questions please see Jim DeGroot, Elder VP, or Robert Wooley, Deacon Chairman. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

USHERS: Rodger Norris, Mike Nylen, and Deb Oord

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Raylene Oord

WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylen and Keith Durkin

MUSIC TEAM: Calvin Handoko, Kevin Hesselink, Nate Housman, Nate Krygsheld, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

COOKIE LADIES: Arleta Hommes, Trina Taylor, and Merley Verhagen

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30AM: Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: F-Pec meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:00PM: First Wednesday Fellowship Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

USHERS: Trina Taylor, Lucas VanderWoude and Liam VanderWoude

GREETERS: Wybren & Kathy Oord

WELCOME CENTER: Don & Gerri VanBaren

MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hil, and Peter Keep

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

COOKIE LADIES: Gwen Adams, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Koster

OASIS: Meets in the Loft from 6:30-8:00pm

CHURCH LIFE...

REFORMATION SUNDAY: Today, October 31, is sometimes viewed as the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a 500+ year movement in church history that we are still a part of. To celebrate, we are welcoming Dr. Felix Theonugraha to our pulpit as a voice well-versed in Reformation history who is also becoming recognized as an exciting and refreshing voice in the future of the Reformed Church. Dr. Theonugraha is President of Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: Meet our First Impressions Team. As the name suggests, their goal is to help get the word out about our church. Some of their projects have included updating our church logo, designing the “Love One Another” signs and putting together the Advent devotional last year. They’re currently preparing ways to celebrate our church’s 175th anniversary in 2023. If you have any questions about First Impressions, speak to their chairperson, Jim DeGroot.



WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2021 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to

Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Your donations can be dropped off at our Welcome Centers.



So far we have 325! Help us stuff those bags.

ROGER GILL'S last tests have shown improvement in his heart function. They are grateful for your prayers, calls and expressions of concern. - Roger & Judy Gill

OUR FAMILY is so grateful to the prayer warriors of this congregation who faithfully prayed for our daughter Joy. We are so blessed and thankful that Joy is now in remission.
– Clarence and Judy Brouwers

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next First Wednesday Fellowship is scheduled for this **Wednesday, November 3**. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make your favorite soups for this evening of fellowship. Please sign-up at the welcome centers. You will also enjoy a 'build your own salad bar' and some delicious desserts.

DNA MOVIE NIGHT: The Diversity In Action (DNA) Team is hosting a movie night on **Sunday, November 14**, from 4:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 2019 film *The Best of Enemies* is a powerful depiction of the themes of diversity and reconciliation and is a springboard to many helpful discussions. The film is based on true events and rated PG-13 for its historically accurate depictions of hate-fueled actions and language. The DNA team is asking for that age recommendation to be respected (13-and-older) and for all those who are coming to use appropriate discretion as they sign up. We will view the movie, discuss some of its themes, and enjoy fellowship.

FORMATION GROUPS: Many of our members have been greatly blessed by their participation in a small group over the last year. This Fall, we are re-launching this important ministry meeting on Wednesday nights, so if you have not been a part of a small group, contact the church office to sign up.

FIRST CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY will be distributing Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes on **Saturday, November 20** from 2:00-3:00pm. We are looking for volunteers to help pass out the meals. Please sign up at our welcome centers.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will be getting our church ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons on Saturday, November 27. If you are willing to come help for an hour or two, please speak to Cindy Nylen.



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Visit us online at www.frcsh.org

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