

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Third Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 12, 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.

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*  
*"Jesus Keeps Me Near the Cross"*  
*"There is a Green Hill"*

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

*"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*  
*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*  
*"I Will Sing of the Mercies"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"Jesus Paid It All"*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Exodus 19:3-6

Sermon

"Covenant: God Renews"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Rick Veldboom

Offertory

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Sending in Grace

*"O How He Loves You & Me!"*

\*Postlude

*"My Redeemer"*

\*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...*

**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 is scheduled for two MRI's early morning on Thursday, March 16.

**Mike Hoeksema** has begun rehab at Rush Hospital.

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

**Jan Nelson** has discontinued her physical therapy for the time being.

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

**Kathy Oord** has completed her chemotherapy and is waiting to be scheduled for surgery.

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

**Wendy Buchanan** (Pastor Corey's sister) is recovering from back surgery she had on Friday, March 3.

Pray for **Marsha Pilipow** as she tends to the health of her aging mother.

**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:** Doris Boomsma, Village Woods, #513, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

## *OUR GIFTS...*

### Sunday, March 5

Basket Total: \$11,613.00; Online Total: \$1,595.00

Giving Total: \$13,208.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

## *ON DUTY FOR MARCH...*

**First Emergency:** Trina Taylor; **First Security:** Barry Voss

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

**GREETERS:** Steve and Liam VanderWoude; **WELCOME CENTER:** Don DeGraff

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, Matthew Rietveld, and Robert Wooley

**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Rhonda DeBok, Nancy DeVries, and Barb Grevengood

### MONDAY, MARCH 13

**7:00AM:** Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

**6:30PM:** Denominational Direction Committee meeting in the Heritage Room

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

**10:00AM:** First Impressions meets in the Fellowship Hall

**6:00PM:** Lenten Service in the Chapel

**7:00PM:** Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

**9:00AM:** CPO Volunteer Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

**GREETERS:** Trina Taylor and Cindy Nysten; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Peter Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gail Housman, Mary Paulton, and Gerri VanBaren

## *CHURCH LIFE...*

**THANK YOU** for the response of many friends who helped celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We have been so blessed. We enjoyed being an active part of First Reformed for many years, but in our present situation we find it impossible to attend and we miss it! To God Be the Glory! - Ralph and Margene Paarlberg

**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!

**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. Mark your calendars. **All Wednesday services** will be in the chapel at 6:00pm!

- ✚ Wednesday, March 15: Examen Bible Study
- ✚ Wednesday, March 22: Lenten Prayer Service
- ✚ Wednesday, March 29: Examen Bible Study

### **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.

**CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH** is hosting its third annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on **Saturday, March 18** at 9:00 am! If you have ever been a CPO volunteer, from writing letters to sharing Christmas gifts to collecting food, or are interested in more information about volunteer options, please email [office@cpoministries.com](mailto:office@cpoministries.com) to RSVP for this exciting morning. The breakfast will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

**ILLIANA BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS** are hosting a fun Spring Luncheon at Smits Farms, located at 3437 Sauk Trail, Chicago Heights, IL, on **Thursday, March 23**, at 11:30am. You will learn about the impact of the Bible League ministry around the world, enjoy a beautiful setting and great laughs with local comedian, Tracy De Graaf. Tickets are \$30. Deadline is March 16. Contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill for tickets.

**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!

## *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- 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will meet for the last session of their study of Isaiah on **Tuesday, March 21**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework for Session 7, "Trust God's Coming," pgs. 159-181 in the study guide. We will be viewing the Session 7 video, as well and working on memorizing Isaiah 64:4. Hope you can attend.

*SERMON NOTES...*

Exodus 19:3-6  
“Covenant: God Renews”  
Pastor Corey Buchanan



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*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

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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