

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 3, 2022



Welcome...

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, March 2 this year and ends with the victory of Easter.

Lent is a season of disruption:

- ✚ It disrupts our arrogance and invites us into humility.
- ✚ It disrupts our comfort and invites us into repentance.
- ✚ It disrupts our stagnancy and invites us into new growth.

As we journey with Jesus through the stories of his suffering and death, we are invited to take up our own crosses and follow him. During Lent, we surrender our pretense and draw close to Christ, acknowledging just how much we need him as our Savior and Friend.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Communion Sunday, April 3, 2022

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*Chorale Prelude "Herzliebster Jesu"
"There is a Fountain"
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

*"My Hope Is in the Lord"
"Turn Your Eyes"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Matthew 27:11-31

Sermon

Eyewitness News: "Live from the Trial (2)"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*"Hallelujah, What A Savior"
"All I Need"*

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

Jeremy Casella

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Lord, Make Me More Holy"

*Organ Postlude

"O Love of God, How Strong and True"

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CARE...

Felix and Chinedu Akoma ask for prayers as they travel back to Nigeria to visit friends and family. Pray especially for Chinedu as she is still recovering from her stroke and is anxious about travelling in her weakened state.

Bob Asmus has been released from his therapy at Beecher Manor and he and Nancy have moved to Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 155.

Margene and Ralph Paarlberg have been released from the hospital and have returned to their home at Bickford Senior Living.

Hank Koval started immunotherapy on March 22 which will continue every 3 weeks due to recurring melanoma. He is waiting on results from his MRI he had March 31.

Loretta Bovenkerk has been moved to Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154.

Lindsay Robertson, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, is now in remission.

Greg Scott, son-in-law of George & Sharon Dinkel, has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. His other son-in-law **Tom Hynes** had a major snow mobile accident and is in Northwestern Hospital.

Felicia Flowers' mother, **Lula Brown**, continues her treatment for breast cancer.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Senior Living #209, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2022...



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 \$19,804.94 to add to the \$105,073.46 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!

CHURCH LIFE...

PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a piece of cake to celebrate Jim Rietveld's 90th birthday, provided by his family.

JOIN THE MISSION COMMITTEE for dinner April 18 here at church at 6:30pm and learn about exciting missions. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex and at the welcome center in the Fellowship Hall.

YOU'RE INVITED to the First Wednesday Fellowship on **Wednesday, April 6**, at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. A "JIMBOOO" TREAT! Sign-up at the welcome centers if you can attend this event! Followed by Lenten Service in the Chapel.

LET'S RAISE A HALLELUJAH! We would like to invite all singers of every age and skill to join their voices in an Easter Choir on Resurrection Sunday, April 17, our first full choir in over two years! If you are comfortable joining us, we will be rehearsing 3 familiar songs together on **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:45pm** (following the First Fellowship Dinner and Lenten worship service), and **Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00pm**. Contact Anthony with any questions.

ATTENTION: COOKIE COMMITTEE LADIES! The baggie protocol has been lifted and all cookie creations can now be brought to church in regular containers for our fellowship time. For allergy purposes, please continue to label your container if your cookies contain peanut butter or any type of nuts. Thank you, again, for your willingness to be a part of this hospitality and fellowship ministry.

BIBLE LEAGUE ILLIANA DIVISION VOLUNTEERS are hosting a special luncheon at Teibel's Restaurant on Thursday, April 21, at 11:30am. Learn about the impact of ministry around the world and enjoy a fun fashion show. Reach out to your Bible League Volunteer Key Contact, Becky Wright or Judy Gill, for tickets. You will also have opportunity to partner with the Bible League in Sharing God's Word. Tickets cost \$20.00 for chicken or perch. The deadline to order tickets is April 13.

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Eric Carter
First Security: Mike Costello

SERMON NOTES...

Matthew 27:11-31
Eyewitness News: "Live from the Trial (2)"
Pastor Jim Oord

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 3

GREETERS: Liam VanderWoude and Robert Wooley; **USHER:** Lucas Vander Woude
WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink
ORGAN and PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema
MUSIC TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Calvin Handoko, Julia Keep, Austin Parks, and Bella VanderWoude
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
COOKIE LADIES: Laurel DeGraff, Barb Grevengoed, and Nikki Nyhanna
3:00PM: Jeremy Casella Concert in the Chapel

MONDAY, APRIL 4

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00PM: DNA (Diversity in Action) team meets in the Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

6:00PM: First Wednesday Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel
7:45PM: Choir Rehearsal

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Keith Durkin; **USHER:** Don DeGraff
WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff
PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
MUSIC TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Kevin Hesselink, Nick Paarlberg, Mathew Rietveld, Lisa Triemstra, and Rachel Wooley
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE LADIES: Dorothy Jacobsma, Chandra Ondrejka, and Raylene Oord

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Basket Total: \$6,314.25; Online Total: \$3,755.00

Special Projects: \$8,000.00

Gift in memory of Don Rietveld: \$100.00

Giving Total: \$18,169.25; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES for all ages from 11:00am-noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

- 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 meet in the Elisha Room (behind the Heritage Room).
- K – 2nd graders meet in the library.
- 3rd – 5th graders meet in the Genesis Room.
- The 6th – 8th graders will meet in the Heritage Room.
- Our adult class will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am.

WORSHIP...

LENT 2022: This is the time of year we orient our hearts toward repentance and new growth as we remember the sacrifice of Christ. Every Wednesday from March 2 through April 6 at 6:00pm will be a special Lenten midweek service.

April 14: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Chapel (nursery provided).

April 15: Good Friday Service at 6:00pm in the Chapel (nursery provided).

April 17: Easter Sunday our service begins at 9:30am.

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized. Also, to sign-up for the Mission Dinner on April 18.

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

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.



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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