

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 25, 2024

From him
[Christ] the
whole body,
joined and
held together
by every
supporting
ligament,
grows and
builds itself
up in love, as
each part does
its work.

- Ephesians 4:16 -



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Today, we are happy to be worshipping together with Calvary Community and Family Church. Our churches share historical connections as we minister alongside each other in neighboring communities. We welcome this opportunity to encourage each other as we sing, pray, worship, and grow together!

It's great to rekindle friendships and forge new relationships as we celebrate our commitment to proclaiming God's Word, embracing and serving our diverse communities, and following Jesus together. We are sisters and brothers in God's Family and we're happy to be together!

If you're visiting us today and you don't belong to either church, we are so glad you're with us, too! We pray the fellowship and worship you experience today will be an opportunity to encounter Jesus and be blessed!

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"
"They'll Know We Are Christians"
"Fellowship Medley"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastors Jim, Corey and Robert

*Congregational Worship

"How Great Thou Art"
"Let It Rise"

Prayer of Confession

Pastors Jim, Corey and Robert

Song of Assurance

"Goodness of God"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ephesians 4:11-16

Message

"Growing, Building, and Learning Together"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregation Prayer

Offertory

Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"We Are One in the Spirit"

*Organ Postlude

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Those who are able please stand.

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

UNITY SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Will Flowers, Jessica Housman, Bill Nyhanna, and Lisa Triemstra

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks, and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Alison VanderWoude

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:00PM: First Fellowship Meal and Chosen Episode in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30PM: Outdoor Movie Night in the backyard of church

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Don DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, and Austin Parks

PROJECTION: Joey Nyhanna

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Gerri VanBaren

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim DeGroot

CARE...

Ruth DeBoer fell and broke 3 bones in her hip and pelvis. Her prognosis is good, and she is undergoing therapy at Hartsfield Village Rehab. Ruth and her family have requested no phone calls or visits this week as she focuses on her recovery.

Anne Koval's procedure to repair a fractured vertebra went well and has brought relief. She continues her rehab at home.

Ellen Nelson's daughter **Colleen** is going through a variety of serious health issues.

Craig and Jan Nelson continue to struggle with a variety of health issues and need prayers for health and strength.

Chuck Dinkel is recovering at home from his successful lung surgery.

Mary Berumen has been able to return home and will receive home health care.

Marla Owens underwent successful intestinal surgery and has been able to return home. She is thankful for your prayers and visits!

Adina Holloman, Trina Taylor's daughter, continues her recovery at home while on antibiotics.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Dr. and Mrs. Don Eytcheson, 17324 Greenwood Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 18

Offering: \$1,913.00 (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*)

Total Giving: \$3,982.69

Reach 175: \$487.67

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$61,156.50

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...

First Security: Mike Costello

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Emily Seefeldt who passed away Thursday, August 15.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the Nelson families on the passing of Curt Nelson on Saturday, August 17. A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, September 14 from 10:00am until the time of the memorial service at 11:00am at Crossroads Community Church in Schererville, IN.

HERE'S SOME GREAT NEWS! Our new pictorial church directory is now complete and will be available in your mail slot on Sunday, September 1. Our new directories can be inserted into your existing notebooks. If you currently do not have a notebook, please contact the church office.



IN SEASON 3 OF THE CHOSEN, Jesus sends all 12 disciples on their first mission. The disciples face new fears as well as entrenched old ways, and each one faces his own unique burden. The season culminates with preparations being made for the Sermon on the Mount,

with the help of the business apprentice Judas Iscariot. The group returns to Capernaum in the third season, with the increasing popularity of Jesus troubling different societal and political groups, including the Romans and the Pharisees. The disciples' lives are examined as they are sent out by Jesus, and tensions rise as the teachings of Jesus start to spread. This study starts this **Wednesday, August 28**, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

FUTURE WEDNESDAY "THE CHOSEN 3" NIGHTS

September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 6 & 20, and December 11

December 4: First Christmas Party (no study)

December 18: Chapel Vespers Service

6:00 – 7:30pm

MOVIE NIGHT: Join us in the backyard of church for an outdoor movie night on **Saturday, August 31**. Come at 7:30pm (when the sun sets), the movie starts around 7:45pm. We'll be watching a classic kids movie: *The Land Before Time*. Movie theater treats will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come and enjoy the show! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC is on **Sunday, September 15**, starting at 11:00am in the Activity Center and church yard. Tacos will be served! We are asking last names beginning with A – I to bring a sensational salad to share and J – Z to bring a delicious dessert to divvy! This will be fun for all ages! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

DNA (Diversity In Action) invites you to join us on an enlightening tour of Chinatown, led by the Pui Tak Center. This tour will offer a deeper understanding of Asian culture, highlight the impactful work being done for the Kingdom, and explore the ways they are embracing and living out racial and ethnic reconciliation.

- **Departure:** Saturday, September 21 @10:00am from the church
- **Return:** 1:30pm to the church
- **Lunch:** Provided at the Pui Tak Center
- **Cost:** \$10.00 per person (includes tour and lunch)

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn, connect, and grow together. We hope to see you there! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 24**, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Kickoff Brunch, handing out the new study guide, and watching the first video of our study. This year, our DVD study will be by Kristi McLelland entitled, "Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now." We will join Kristi as she transports us back to Jesus' world following in the footsteps of the women who met Jesus face to face. The cost of the study guide is \$26.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). If you are an Amazon Prime member you may order your own study guide. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Monday, September 9, if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. Hope you can attend!

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

COOKIE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS: Please check your mailbox for the September-December Cookie Duty schedule. Thank you for your commitment to this vital ministry at First Church.

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 dedicated Elder would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On **Sunday, September 22**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:10am. Class information to follow.

REMINDERS...

LABOR DAY, Monday, September 2, our Church Office and Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care will be closed.

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

PLEASE 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!

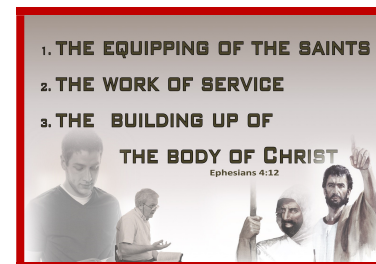
PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

BE SURE TO EMPTY your mail slot located downstairs at the base of the stairs.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

THE BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS of First Reformed Church have placed a special fundraising letter in your church mailbox. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter and as you read it, please sincerely pray for God's Word to change lives. We appreciate any contribution you can make to purchase Bibles. Kindly respond on or before **Monday, September 30**. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill.

SAVE THE DATE: The 28TH Annual Elim Dutch Festival will be held on **Saturday, September 28**, at Elim Christian Services in Crestwood. Be sure to mark your calendar. More details to follow.



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting get.theapp.co/1779.



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.