

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 10, 2024



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (February 14 this year) and ends with the victory of Easter (March 31 this year). We're so glad you can join us at First Church as we walk together as fellow pilgrims in our Lenten journey toward the cross and empty tomb.

Lent is an invitation to hear Jesus' voice calling, "Come to me, all who are tired, worn down, and burned out." Let his voice interrupt your distraction, your stagnancy, and struggle. Together, we enter his presence to experience rest, healing, and new growth.

During Lent, we surrender our pretense and draw close to Christ, gather at his table, and meet him as our Savior and Friend. Let's make this pilgrimage together!

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GATHERING

Organ Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"
"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"
"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

Opening Song

"Come to Me"

*Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Christ Is Enough"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Grace"

Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

LISTENING

Song of Preparation

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Scripture

Luke 7:36-50

Sermon

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: A Worshiper"

COMMUNING

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

SENDING

Offertory

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*Postlude

"Our Glorious King"

*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...

Lynn Hoeksema met with her surgeon at the University of Chicago and is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, April 2. She thanks everyone for their prayers and asks you not to stop praying for her.

Phyllis DeYoung will begin a series of 6 chemo treatments on Monday, March 11.

Grace Jacobsma continues at Hartsfield Rehab, Room #104A, due to a fracture in her pelvis.

Trina Taylor is recovering from surgery at home.

Craig Nelson has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home.

Mark Anker is in rehab at Franciscan Hospital.

Ruth DeBoer continues to recover at Hartsfield Village Assisted Living.

Kathy Oord continues with her cancer treatments.

Christopher Nelson has completed his cancer treatments and will go through testing.

Mike and Pam Costello's granddaughter, Chloe, has returned home from the hospital and continues to receive care.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Ralph and Margene Paarlberg, Bickford Senior Living #248, 100 Jones Drive, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 3

Offering: \$11,749.16

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Giving Total: \$11,949.16

Reach 175: \$641.08 - CPO: 200.00

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$39,833.95

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Rich Thornton

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 10

GREETERS: Steve and Liam VanderWoude; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nate Housman, Bill Nyhanna, Grant Sikkema, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Barb Grevengoed, and Lisa Triemstra

MONDAY, MARCH 11

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

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

7:00PM: Elders & Deacons meet followed by Consistory

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

6:30PM: DNA meets in the Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

10:00AM: First Impressions meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel

7:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylén

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Daniel Day, Dacia Hill, Bill Nyhanna, and Grant Sikkema

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

NURSERY: Izzy Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Gerri VanBaren

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

CHURCH LIFE...

A MEMORIAL GATHERING will be held for Carol Housman at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN. on Friday, April 19, at noon.

CALLING ALL SINGERS! If you are interested in joining us in the Easter Choir Sunday, March 31, we invite you to join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays March 20 & 27 at 7:00pm. Whether you've sung with us for 30 years or never before, we'd love to have you join us! See Anthony with any questions.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY BEING UPDATED: Please submit any address/phone number/email updates to the church office for our new upcoming directory. We would like to incorporate updated pictures in this directory, but we will not be hiring a photography company to take photos of all church members. Instead, we ask that you please submit a recent, clear photo of your family (cell phone photos are perfect) to the church office by emailing them to photos@frcsh.org. **If you would like to have your picture taken after a church service, please contact any staff member to have it arranged. DEADLINE is TODAY!**

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Tuesday, March 12**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. We will watch our last video of our study on Revelation, "The Promises of Heaven." Hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 11:10am.

- K-5th grade meet in the Genesis Room at 11:10am, followed by K-2nd class in the library; 3rd-5th in the Loft.
- 6th-12th grade meet in the chapel at 11:10am.
- Tibstra House meets in the Heritage Room immediately following the service.



ALL WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be in the chapel at 6:00pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

- ❖ Wednesday, March 13: Lenten Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday, March 20: Lenten Worship Service
- ❖ Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Service (6:00pm)
- ❖ Friday, March 29: Good Friday Service (7:00pm)
- ❖ Sunday, March 31: Easter Service (9:30am)

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: The annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, May 2**, at 7:30am at Spirit of God Fellowship. Every year, this is a powerful opportunity for our community to come together in prayer. If you're interested in attending and sitting at our church's table, please sign up in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall or speak to Pastor Jim.

CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community, and we are so appreciative of all your donations! If you have clothes or other items to donate to the Clothing Closet, we ask that you drop them off during our open hours (the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00am and the 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00pm). If those times don't work for you, you may drop off donations Monday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Open Access office in Homewood (900 Maple Avenue). All donations dropped off at Open Access will be sorted and used at our Clothing Closet or one of the several others Open Access runs in our region.

SAVE THE DATE: Chicagoland Prison Outreach will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary with a banquet on **Tuesday May 21** at 6:30 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. More details to follow.

REMINDERS....

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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

COMING SOON, Illiana Bible League Volunteers are hosting a fun Spring luncheon at Smits Farms: 3437 Sauk Trail, Chicago Heights, IL. on Thursday, March 21, at 11:30am. You will learn about the impact of the Bible League's ministry around the world while you enjoy a delicious lunch of chicken and fish and great music from the Illiana Christian High School Jazz Band. Tickets are \$30.00. The deadline to purchase tickets is TODAY. Reach out to your Bible League contacts, Becky Wright or Judy Gill, for tickets. An offering will be taken to provide God's Word to others.

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 7:36-50

“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner: A Worshiper”

Pastor Corey Buchanan

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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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

Rev. Dr. James Oord
Senior Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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