

FIRST **REFORMED** CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2023



Welcome...

The season between Christmas and Lent is called Epiphany, a season of celebrating the light of Jesus shining in all places, the blessing of Jesus reaching as far as the curse is found, the Kingdom of Jesus growing and welcoming people from every tribe, race, nation, and tongue.

We're glad to celebrate the light of Jesus with you! For 175 years, First Reformed Church has been working to shine that light in our community, and we're happy to welcome you to worship and fellowship with us today! Whether you've been worshipping here your whole life or this is your first time with us (or with any church), this is the right place for you to be this morning! We needed you to be with our rejoicing band of pilgrim sisters and brothers as we celebrate Jesus together today.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
"I Surrender All"
"Jesus Calls Us"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

"Let It Rise"
"God of Creation, All-Powerful"
"My Tribute"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"I Stand Amazed"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon

Luke: "To Proclaim Good News: Reactions to Jesus (1)"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"Here I Am, Lord"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Postlude

"Footsteps of Jesus"

*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...

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Ivan DeGraff** who passed away on Monday, January 16, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Randy Gretz has returned to University of Chicago hospital due to some blood clotting. Continue to pray for his health and recovery as he deals with the effects of his stroke.

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

Jan Nelson continues in physical therapy due to her fall.

Craig Nelson is recovering from successful neck surgery he had on Thursday, December 8.

Norma Knopf continues with chemo treatments for breast cancer which will be followed by radiation treatments.

Kathy Oord has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. She has finished her first regime of bi-weekly chemo and has begun a set of weekly chemo treatments and has 5 more weeks to go.

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

Carole VanDeursen, a former member of our church and sister-in-law to Shirley, has returned home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for her.

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

Christopher Nelson continues in a monitoring mode watching for new lump growth. His next oncologist appointment is in February.

Dianne Gruger, the mother of Megan DeYoung, completed her radiation treatments but will continue with her chemo treatments for lung cancer.

Lula Brown, Felicia Flowers' mother, has breast cancer and continues her recovery from surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Alice Kats, 320 East 169th Place, South Holland, Illinois 60473

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

GREETERS: Trina Taylor and Robert Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Cindy Nylen

COOKIE LADIES: Barb Grevengoed, Nancy DeVries, and Nyla DeGraff

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00PM: Caring Elders & Deacons meet in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

6:30PM: Card Game night in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Rodger Norris

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

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

COOKIE LADIES: Diana Abernathy, Trina Taylor, and Merley Verhagen

CHURCH LIFE...

MEDIEVAL TIMES: In March of 2020, we had 38 people signed up to attend a fellowship event at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Schaumburg, IL. COVID prevented us from enjoying that event together at that time, but it has been rescheduled for **Saturday March 18** at 7:00pm. The night will feature a two-hour live medieval knight show (including jousting, falconry, and horsemanship) as well as a four-course medieval feast (including soup, garlic bread, potato, chicken, corn on the cob, drinks, and dessert). Make it a date night or bring the whole family along. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$40 for children ages 3- 12. Please sign-up at the Welcome Centers.

THE 175 PATCHWORK QUILT PROJECT: To celebrate our anniversary, we are commissioning a Patchwork Quilt formed from quilt patches from friends and families of First Church. These patches will be available after each Sunday morning service (starting January 22) in the Fellowship Hall. On each patch you can write your name and favorite Bible verse reference. If you are unable to select a patch you can contact the church office (708-333-0622 or office@frcsh.org) to have a patch signed for you. The deadline for your selection is February 26. Be a part of this very special anniversary opportunity in a permanent display of our love for God and each other both today and for all tomorrows.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Tuesday, January 24**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework from Session 5, "Trust God's Commands" pages 101-127 in the study guide and work on memorizing Isaiah 50:10. Hope to see you there!

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPING TRIP has been scheduled for **August 4-6, 2023**, at the Indiana Dunes State Park in Chesterton, IN. The cost for all electric hook-up sites will be \$30/site per night. There will also be a one-time entrance fee of \$12.00 for each vehicle which will be paid individually as you enter the park. To allow us to group our reservations (and our camp sites) together, please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, February 1. Please contact Anthony Bolkema with any questions.

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

NOMINATING BALLOTS for the **Tuesday, May 9**, Congregational Meeting at 7:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes on the Narthex shelves by **Sunday morning, January 29**.

CORRECTION: Last year's Trustees voted in were Colin Cutler, Steve DeVries, and Rich Zimmerman. This year **two** Trustees (not three as your letter stated) are to be nominated for a two-year term. Eligible for re-election are Mark Spiekhout and Don VanDeursen. Your ballots should only have two nominations for trustee. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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 beginning on January 26. 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.

THE CADETS OF THORN CREEK CHURCH are hosting their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on **Saturday, January 28**, from 6:00-11:00am. Gabe, Joshua, and Elijah Capone are members of this ministry. There will be delicious pancakes, French toast, sausage, and bacon being served, along with fruit and drink options. This is an all-you-care-to-eat event, and a free will offering will be taken at the door to support our Cadet club ministry, especially to defray International Camporee costs for this summer. Please join us at Thorn Creek Church, 1875 E. 170th Street, South Holland, for a hot meal to start your day.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 15

Basket Total: \$2,981.00; Online Total: \$2,075.00

Giving Total: \$5,056.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY MONTH OF JANUARY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

First Security: Richard Thornton

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 5:1-11

“To Proclaim Good News: Reactions to Jesus (1)”

Pastor James Oord



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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