

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Communion Sunday, November 6, 2022



Welcome...

First Reformed Church has been part of this community for 175 years. In 1847, the earliest settlers began farming in this prairieland south of Chicago. That year, they also began worshipping together. In 1848, they officially established this church. We're celebrating 175 years of sisters and brothers worshipping and growing together in the grace of Christ. And we're glad to welcome you here today to be part of our continuing story! During the month of November, we are celebrating the generosity of our God! We have 175 years of stories that highlight how good he's been! Jesus has established a Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and we're excited to share that gospel invitation of welcoming hospitality, self-sacrificing compassion, and neighborly fellowship. Join us in celebration!

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"We Gather Together"
"Come Just as You Are"
"Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"

Opening Song of Worship

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
"Jesus Paid It All"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Take My Life (I Am Yours)"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Deuteronomy 14:22-29; 16:5-12

Sermon

"175 Years of Giving – Eat & Rejoice"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
"What Wondrous Love is This?"

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"A Thanksgiving Offertory"

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

*Organ Postlude

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

*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...

Doris Boomsma is back at Village Woods after having a heart ablation.

Norma Knopf has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will begin chemo in three weeks followed by radiation.

Ruth DeBoer has left the hospital and is now at Park Place in St. John, for rehab.

Carol Snyder fell and broke her elbow; please pray for healing.

Kathy Oord has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. She has started chemo treatments which will be followed by future surgery.

Rachel Wooley continues with chemotherapy and the good news is her tumors are shrinking.

Christopher Nelson had a PET scan for his lymphoma which showed a small sign of improvement. He will continue in a monitoring stage.

Debra Pletzke, daughter of Ron and Diana Abernathy, is recovering from her heart ablation last week.

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 E. 169th Place, South Holland, IL 60473

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

First Security: Colin Cutler

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Basket Total: \$6,336.32; Online Total: \$2,635.00

Living With Hope Donations: \$755.00

Giving Total: \$9,626.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Robert Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink & Aaron Wooley

MUSIC TEAM: Nolan & Kim Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Rachel Wooley

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE LADIES: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY!

OASIS: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30AM: Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: F-PEC meeting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Veteran's Day

Church Office and Family Life Day Care Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Rodger Norris

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom

VIDEO: Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Julia Keep, and Austin Parks

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff & Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed

COOKIE LADIES: Rhonda DeBok, Nyla DeGraff, and Barb Grevengoed

SERMON NOTES...

“175 Years of Giving”
Deuteronomy 14:22-29, 16:5-12
Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Celeste DeBoer, who passed away on Thursday, November 3. Funeral arrangements are pending.

175 YEARS OF GIVING - does our current sermon series on giving have you thinking about how your relationship with Jesus changes your relationship with money? If you want to dig deeper, sign up for "Dethroning Mammon," a six-week Adult Sunday School course running every Sunday after church from **November 13-December 18**.

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 13** with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Let's get ready to help support these families! We will have less angels on our tree this year, but that does not mean you are not needed! We have many teenagers who are asking for large jogging suits instead of 2 smaller gifts. They are usually more costly than our normal tags. Perhaps a couple of you can go together for these larger purchases. Also, we have a 13 yr. old boy who is asking for a bike. Perhaps one of our small groups could all go together and purchase it or donate the money toward that and CPO would purchase it for you. Return date for the angel tree gifts is Sunday, Dec. 4.



NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!

This fall, we invite you to come out every other Wednesday to watch *The Chosen* together. *The Chosen* is a carefully researched and well-made dramatization of the life of Jesus as told in the biblical gospels. *The Atlantic's* reviewer said, "Take it from a critic and a Christian with an aversion to Christian

entertainment: the show is good." This study continues again on **Wednesday, November 16** and will include a meal at 6:00pm and run every other Wednesday until we finish Season 1. The episode screening will be followed by discussion and a deeper dig into the Bible's stories of the life of Jesus. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers. Save future dates: November 30 and December 14 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. (December 7: First Christmas Party no study.)



WE ARE ON A ROLL! 781 BOXES OF STUFFING HAVE BEEN COLLECTED SO FAR IN OUR 2022 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE!

All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a

church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Please call the church office with any questions. Your donations can be dropped off at our Welcome Centers.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Tuesday, Nov. 8** at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework for Session 3, "Trust God's Calendar", pgs. 41-67 in the study guide. Also, begin memorizing Isaiah 30:18. Hope you can attend!

DID YOU KNOW? Our church has a Facebook page! Like and follow the page to get information about upcoming events, historical tidbits, and snapshots of what's going on at First. If you take the time to like or share our posts, it helps get the word out about events and services to bless our community.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Chairman, Mike Decker.

JOIN THE EXODUS PROJECTS for an exciting evening of fellowship and ministry! Our annual ministry benefit will be held on **Thursday, November 17** at 6:30 at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Join us for ministry updates and information on our merger with Faith and Action. Contact Nikki Nyhanna to R.S.V.P. or for more information at nikki@nyhanna.net or (708)768-2262 or visit our website at www.theexodusprojects.org.



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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