

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, September 19, 2021



Welcome...

The season from Pentecost through the start of Advent is called "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time falls in the growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, and it's a time to celebrate the way God's Kingdom grows in big ways and small ways. What is your "ordinary?" What are the everyday celebrations and struggles you take with you this morning? What questions are scrawled on the pages of your life? God meets us in our "ordinaries" and leads us into something extraordinary: He creates a community from the disparate; He centers voices from the margins; He changes patterns of self-serving into habits of service; He challenges division with the diversity and unity of his family; He channels the mercy and grace of Christ into your life and into our world. This is the "ordinary" work of the Church. Come, join us in this extraordinary life we live together.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Come Thou Almighty King"*  
*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*  
*"Come Ye Sinners"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"God the Uncreated One"*  
*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

*"Jesus Paid It All"*  
*"The Stand"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:1-13

Sermon

First Things First: "The Welcome Center"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

*"They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"God Be With You"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"The Bond of Love"*

\*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us outdoors after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**USHERS:** Dennis Woltzen, Andy DeBoer, and Don DeGraff

**GREETERS:** Raylene Oord and Nyla DeGraff

**WELCOME CENTER:** Debbie Woltzen and Gerri VanBaren

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** Dacia Hill, Matthew Rietveld, Nate Krygsheld, and Kevin Hesselink

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

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Nyla DeGraff

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**COOKIE LADIES:** Gail Housman, Norma Smit, and Gerri VanBaren

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**9:30AM:** Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Music Team meets

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**7:00PM:** Management Team meeting in the Genesis Room

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**USHERS:** Mike Nysten, Cindy Nysten, and Trina Taylor

**GREETERS:** Jim DeGroot and Deb Oord

**WELCOME CENTER:** Don and Gerri VanBaren

**MUSIC TEAM:** Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Rachel Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

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

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Rodger & Sherry Norris and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

**COOKIE LADIES:** Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, and Deb Woltzen

## *CARE...*

**Carol Housman** is doing very well after having her hip surgery. She has no pain and is back at Cedar Hurst, Room 10. Carol and the family are so thankful for your prayers and cards.

**Nancy Asmus** was admitted to Franciscan Olympia Fields on Tuesday for tests.

**Celeste DeBoer** is recovering from skin graft surgery she had Friday, September 17, on her foot. Please pray that this will be a successful last step in dealing with the foot infection that began in April.

**Mark Spiekhout** will be having back surgery on October 7 at Northwestern Hospital.

**Roger Gill** is recovering at home and building up his strength.

**Margene Paarlberg** did spend a few days at Riverside Hospital but is back in rehab now at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

**Bob Brink** is scheduled for eye surgery on Tuesday October 12. Cards can be sent to him at the Tibstra House, 271 E. 161st Street, South Holland, IL 60473

**Don Rietveld**, son of Betty Paarlberg, has a serious lung disease and needs a double lung transplant.

Debbie Woltzen's cousin, **Ron Schultz** who lives in Arizona, has COVID-related pneumonia and is starting to do better but remains in the hospital.

**Lindsay Robertson**, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, is in partial remission and has begun a new kind of chemo which hopefully will bring him to complete remission.

**Christopher Nelson**, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, is being monitored and will have another PET scan in the future to see if the radiation has helped.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Carol Housman, Cedarhurst of Dyer Room 10, 1763 Calumet Avenue, Dyer, IN 46311

## *OUR GIFTS...*

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Basket Total: \$5,561.25; Online Total: \$1,655.00

Special Offering: \$350.00; Giving Total: \$7,566.25; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

### *SERMON NOTES...*

Romans 15:1-13  
First Things First: "The Welcome Center"  
Rev. James Oord

### *CHURCH LIFE...*

**WHEELCHAIR WORSHIP SPACES:** The Consistory and Board of Trustees have approved the creation of additional spaces for worshippers in wheelchairs. Two zones off of the north aisle and two zones off of the south aisle now allow for more accessible seating. The church would like to thank Rich Thornton for his work in reshaping pews and completing this important project.

**WELCOMING CHURCH TEAM:** If you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings by joining our dedicated team of ushers, greeters, and Welcome Center volunteers, sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or downstairs. It's a great way to interact with members and visitors and be an extension of the smiling face of our congregation.

**THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will begin its new season on **Tuesday, September 28**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will view the first video of Priscilla Shirer's, "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks". The study guides for this interesting season will also be distributed at this time. Please be mindful that wearing masks will be required. Hope to see you there.

**TRUNK N' TREAT** is **Saturday, October 30** from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk, please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

### *SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...*



**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 to need to raise \$39,324.94 to add to the \$85,553.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

Sunday School continues today! All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word. Sunday School runs from 11:00am – noon.

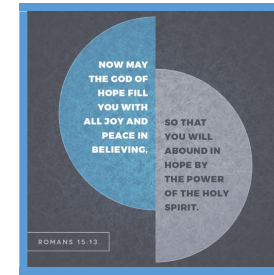
- All children from preschool to fifth grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there (3 - 4-year-olds – Elisha Room (behind the Heritage Room); K – 2nd grade – Library; 3rd – 5th grade – Genesis Room.)
- The 6th – 8th graders will meet in the Heritage Room. The high schoolers will meet in the Loft.
- Our adult class will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am.
- Need help finding a class? Ask at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

## AREA EVENTS...

**THE 25TH ANNUAL ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL** is on **Saturday, September 25!** Join us for this special 25<sup>th</sup> celebration! Held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Crestwood, IL), the Dutch Festival is fun for all ages. Enjoy the pannekoek (pancake) breakfast (7:30-10 am) as well as Dutch shops, farmers market, great entertainment, and delicious food (8 am - 4 pm). Free admission, parking, and shuttle. All proceeds directly impact the children and adults of Elim. For more information, call 708-293-6509 or visit [www.elimcs.org](http://www.elimcs.org).

**THE WOMEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE OF BETHSHAN ASSOCIATION** works once a year to fund special projects to assist in serving their residents who have developmental disabilities. There is information in your mailboxes regarding Bethshan's project to remodel and redecorate some of the Bethshan I Building after being quarantined for many months during the pandemic. Please consider how you may be able to support this valuable ministry. Any questions, please call Judy Gill.

**ON SEPTEMBER 25, BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS** host a conference for you called Spreading the Fragrance of Life. You will be enriched with spiritual encouragement and joyful fellowship. Dr. Lynn Wilder, former Mormon now Bible-believing Christian, will be the keynote speaker. The registration cost is \$20. Sign up online at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets) today.



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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**