

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
November 21, 2021



Welcome...

Next week, the Church Liturgical Year starts anew with Advent. This last Sunday of Ordinary Time is known as "Christ the King Sunday." Christ the King Sunday was developed in the 1920's as a response to the horrors of World War I and to oppose the threat of the growing global movements of nationalism. This is a Sunday to remind ourselves that, whatever assails us, Jesus is Lord and King over all and our deepest allegiance is not to the nations of this world but to the transnational, multiethnic, ever-growing, all-encompassing Kingdom of God. We gather today to remind ourselves that...
Whatever we may be facing, Jesus is on the throne.
Whatever hurts we carry, Jesus is on the throne.
Whatever may be threatening us, Jesus is on the throne.
Whatever seems to be unmooring our world, Jesus is on the throne.
Come, let us worship Christ, our victorious King!

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
"I Will Enter His Gates"

Opening Song of Worship *"This Offering of Praise"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship *"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*
"He Is Lord"

Prayer & Song of Confession Pastor Anthony Bolkema
"Withholding Nothing"

Song of Assurance *"Nothing But the Blood"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Luke 1:57-80

Sermon To Proclaim Good News: "Benedictus"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Doxology

*Benediction Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace *"He Is Lord"*

*Organ Postlude *"We Are So Blessed"*

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

CARE...

Craig Nelson recently found out he has an enlarged heart and had an echocardiogram last week. He is waiting for test results.

Lenora Anker is in hospice care at Beecher Manor.

Celeste DeBoer continues in Ingalls Hospital.

Bev VanDommelen will be undergoing a needed back surgery in February to address numbness and a compressed spine.

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

Don Rietveld, son of Betty Paarlberg, has been approved for a lung transplant. Pray that a donor will be found soon.

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.

Jean Schultz, Deb Woltzen's mother, has been admitted to Franciscan Dyer due to heart complications, Room 4512.

Rob, a roommate of Michael Spitz, has a daughter, **Olivia Morin** from Elgin, who is 16 years old and is missing. Prayers are needed to help find Olivia and to comfort her family.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Carol Housman, Cedarhurst of Dyer, 1763 Calumet Ave., #10, Dyer, IN 46311

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Basket Total: \$15,943.00

Online Total: \$1,919.00

Giving Total \$17,862.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES TODAY; all ages 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.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, November 30**, (please note this is the 5th Tuesday) at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch video 3, "The Holy Spirit's Voice," from our study of Priscilla Shirer's "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks."

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



Let's reach our goal! 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 need to raise \$34,324.94 to add to the \$90,553.46 that has been raised thus far. For more information or with any questions please see Jim DeGroot, Elder VP, or Robert Wooley, Deacon Chairman. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

USHERS: Keith Durkin, Mike Nylen, and Deb Oord

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Rodger Norris

WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylen and Raylene Oord

MUSIC TEAM: Julia Keep, Austin Parks, Matthew Rietveld, & Rachel Wooley

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

COOKIE LADIES: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Paulton, and Gerri VanBaren

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:30PM: Caring Elders & Deacons meet

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Day Care Closed

6:00PM: Thanksgiving Service

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 & 26

Church Office and Day Care Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

USHERS: Steve VanderWoude, Lucas VanderWoude, and Robert Wooley

GREETERS: Alison VanderWoude and Liam VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Trina Taylor and Don VanBaren

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Daniel Days, Kyle Derks, Kevin Hesselink, Nate Krygsheld, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens

COOKIE LADIES: Joanne Hoeksema, Norma Smit, and Deb Woltzen

CHURCH LIFE...

TODAY we are celebrating having Viola Van Dam and her family worshipping with us this morning. The family will provide cake and refreshments for the congregation in the Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service.

YOUR PRAYERS and well wishes during my left knee replacement are much appreciated. The new knee is working very well!
- Sherry Gouwens

IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPTY YOUR MAIL SLOT TODAY! Please remember to pick up your Thanksgiving letter and offering envelope. Our Thanksgiving offerings are being designated for Chicagoland Prison Outreach, Restoration Ministries, and Roseland Christian Ministries.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: Meet DNA, which stands for "Diversity In Action." This group was formed as a recognition and celebration that diversity is part of our church's "DNA." Their goal is to continue the fruitful discussions about racial diversity that our church has been having for decades. Their most recent work has included a panel discussion and movie/discussion night. For more details, speak to their chairperson, Pastor Corey Buchanan.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will be getting our church ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons on **Saturday, November 27**. If you are willing to come help for an hour or two, please speak to Cindy Nylen.

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall now with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Take an angel from the tree and **PRINT** your name and phone# on the angel list on the table. Buy the gift listed on your angel and return it by **Wednesday, December 1**. On your gift attach the angel (use it for the name tag and you can put your name as giver if you like.) Wrap the gift as securely as possible as it is handled many times getting to its destination. Please spend a minimum of \$10.00 on your gift as this may be the only present your "angel" will receive. If you are uncomfortable or cannot make it in to get a tag from the tree, please call Noreen (708-752-6706) and she will let you know what is available to pick from. Also, some gifts requested are expensive (ex. coats) so feel free to go together with another family. Thank you.

WORSHIP...

AS YOU ENTER FOR THANKSGIVING WORSHIP this Wednesday at 6:00pm, please keep your monetary and material gifts (non-perishable food items and clothing) with you as you are seated. Towards the close of the service, we will carry our gifts to the front of the sanctuary as a tactile offering expression. If you are uncomfortable carrying your gifts forward, some of our church children would **love** the opportunity to do so for you during the service!

NEXT SUNDAY marks the beginning of Advent, the season where the church waits and prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. Advent is followed by the season of Christmas, where we celebrate the fulfillment of God's promises in the coming of Jesus. There are so many exciting opportunities to observe this time of year:

OUR SUNDAY SERVICES will continue through the story of Jesus' coming in the gospel of Luke, chapter 2. We will light our Advent candles to mark the passage of the weeks toward Christmas and sing beautiful hymns and carols to celebrate.

**Beginning on Wednesday, December 1,
we will hold Wednesday Advent Services at 6:00pm every Wednesday.**

- ✚ Wednesday, December 1: First Christmas Party (a pasta potluck and party with our church family. If you are willing to share your favorite pasta dish (and soon to be ours 😊), please sign-up at the welcome centers.
- ✚ Wednesday, December 8: Advent with the Ancient Church (a candlelit service with hymns and readings from the Church Mothers and Fathers).
- ✚ Wednesday, December 15: A Carol Sing! (sing hymns old and new celebrating the coming of Christ).
- ✚ Wednesday, December 22: Evening Prayer (a quiet and contemplative service as we prepare for the busyness of the holidays).
- ✚ Friday, December 24, join us for our **Christmas Eve Service** at 11:00pm. This service is always a highlight of the year, as we stay up and greet Christmas Day with carols, candlelight, bells, and worship.



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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