

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 9, 2021



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, May 9, 2021 WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"
"Create In Me A Clean Heart"
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Opening Song of Worship

"Come, Ye Sinners"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

#21 *"How Great Thou Art"*
"Awesome"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Confession

"Lord, Have Mercy"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

11 Corinthians 2:3-16

Sermon

Easter Prayer: *"Forgive Us Our Trespasses"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of Baptism & Reception of New Member

Jordan Bright

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"He Is Lord"

*Organ Postlude

"Lift High the Cross"

*Those who are able please stand.

[Please join us outside in front of church after worship for fellowship and refreshments.](#)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MAY 9 – MOTHER'S DAY

USHERS: Allison, Liam, Steve, and Lucas VanderWoude
GREETERS: Gwen Adams, Don & Nyla DeGraff, and Roger & Laurel DeGraff
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Bill Nyhanna, Austin Parks, and Bella VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Don DeGraff
COOKIE LADIES: Nyla DeGraff, Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster

MONDAY, MAY 10

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room.
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAY 11

7:00PM: Congregational meeting in the Sanctuary (nursery provided in the AC).

SUNDAY, MAY 16

USHERS: Jim DeGroot, Clair & Lynn Hoeksema, and Rodger Norris
GREETERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen, Ray Ondrejka, and Deb Oord
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
PROJECTION: Trina Taylor
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld & Abby Veldboom
WELCOME CENTER: Don VanBaren
COOKIE LADIES: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Decker, and Mary Paulton
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
OASIS: Meets in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 8:00pm.

CARE...

Hank Koval had a PET Scan on Friday to determine if he has chronic leukemia. He has already been diagnosed with melanoma after a recent biopsy.

Faye Gowens has returned home from the hospital.

Celeste DeBoer is in Ingalls Hospital North Building, recovering from surgery on her foot and undergoing antibiotic treatments for remaining infection.

Kathy Spiekhout's back surgery has been postponed due to more testing.

Marcus Barnes is a patient at Silver Cross Hospital, Room 6214.

Jeanie Spike has returned home and is recovering from a heart procedure.

Barb Rietveld is receiving hospice care at home as her health continues to decline.

Charlie Weeks, 24-year-old grandson of John and Gay Kraai, has been hospitalized at Rush University Medical Center with neurological problems. He is receiving plasma treatments and is being carefully monitored.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, has decided to wait before beginning chemo due to COVID, as his non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma continues to worsen. Pray he will be able to safely begin treatments soon.

Woody Smits, former member of First Church and brother-in-law of Becky Wright, is in hospice care at his son's home in Wisconsin.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, Village Woods, Room 514, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

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 \$51,000.94 to add to the \$73,877.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

SERMON NOTES...

11 Corinthians 2:3-16

Easter Prayer: "Forgive Us Our Trespasses"

Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU to the congregation for the many cards and well wishes we received for special recent birthday occasions. God is Good! - Ralph & Margene Paarlberg

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Myra Dohmeyer who passed away on Wednesday, April 28. There is a memorial service on Saturday, May 15 in Avon, Indiana.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Lester Van Deursen who passed away on Monday, May 3.

STARTING TODAY, we will be having fellowship after the morning service outside in front of church. Enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments.

PLEASE SUBMIT any address/phone number/email updates to the church office for our new upcoming pictorial directory. We would like to incorporate updated pictures in this directory. We ask that you please submit a recent, clear photo of your family (cell phone photos are perfect) and email (office@frch.org) to the church office. The deadline has been extended until after our Congregational meeting on **Tuesday, May 11**.

PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WELCOME CENTER in the NARTHEX after the service to sign cards for our shut-ins who are celebrating birthdays or for those who are hospitalized.

AREA EVENTS...

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL is celebrating their 83rd anniversary of ministry. In your mailbox is a brochure about this ministry with an opportunity to donate. Please prayerfully consider giving. For every \$5 given a BIBLE can be purchased and given to someone who does not have one. Thank You. - Key Ladies, Judy Gill & Becky Wright

THE SOUTH HOLLAND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE is back for 2021! We are grateful to once again host this annual event as we remember military personnel who have given their lives while serving our country.

THE ANNUAL 'EVENING OF THANKSGIVING' for Chicagoland Prison Outreach is underway, and we cannot wait to spend another virtual evening together! This will take place on **Tuesday, May 18**, at 6:30pm, and you can watch from any digital device. Join us on Facebook or YouTube for 25 minutes, listen to a ministry update from Executive Director Corey Buchanan, and watch amazing testimonies from men and women who have been touched by the work of CPO.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DETAILS...

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon and Trustees:

ELDER NOMINEES: Ron Abernathy, Larry DeYoung, Clair Hoeksema, and Steve VanderWoude

DEACON NOMINEES: Tim DeYoung, Joe Fransen, Rich Thornton, and Robert Wooley

TRUSTEE NOMINEES: Mark Spiekhout and Don VanDeursen

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held this **Tuesday, May 11** at 7:00PM. The main purpose of the meeting will be the election of elders, deacons and trustees and any other business which rightfully comes before such a meeting. Eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age. Nursery will be provided in the Activity Center by Darcy Daly our nursery coordinator.

PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee Ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 11. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of "yes" or "no" for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS is a packet with the minutes from the 2020 Congregational Meeting and the proposed annual budgets for 2021/2022. Please review and take this packet along with you to our annual Congregational Meeting this **Tuesday, May 11** at 7:00PM.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 2, 2021

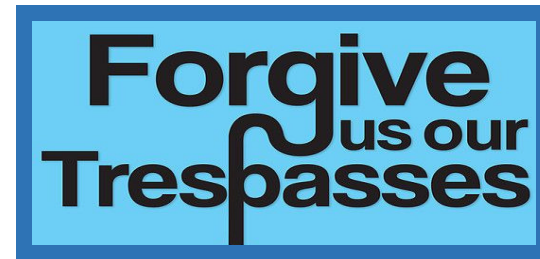
Basket Total: \$6,071.50; Online Total: \$2,065.00

Special Projects: \$400.00; Giving Total: \$8,536.50

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

There are several ways to bring your gifts to the church:

- Online.
- Bring to church office.
- Mail.
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door.



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STAFF...

Rev. James Oord
Senior Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Dr. Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith
*Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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' COVID OFFICE HOURS
9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday