

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 19, 2023



Welcome...

In 1973, Rev. Reinhold Krone, who served as our Minister of Education and Youth, wrote: "The times have changed greatly, but the mission through the total span of First Church's history has always been the same: to tell others of our Savior."

50 years later, we're still at the same work - telling others about our Savior Jesus Christ and growing together in His grace.

We're glad you're here with us today as we worship and meet the One who walks with us on life's journeys. Through all the changing scenes of life, He will never let us go. At First Church, you'll find an adventurous community of fellow travelers pointing each other to Jesus as we walk.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"
"The Cross Medley"
"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

"Praise God, Ye Servants of the Lord"
"The Goodness of God"
"I Stand Amazed"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"His Mercy Is More"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

II Kings 24:11-25:30 and II Chronicles 36:11-23

Sermon

"Covenant: God Calls Us to True Reconciliation"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"Our Great Savior"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"O How He Loves You & Me!"

*Postlude

"Jerusalem The Golden"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

GREETERS: Trina Taylor and Cindy Nysten; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Peter Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gail Housman, Mary Paulton, and Gerri VanBaren
OASIS: 6:30-8:00PM

MONDAY, MARCH 20

9:30AM: Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

4:00-6:00PM: Clothing Closet open in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Rodger Norris
WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep
COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Joanne Hoeksema, and Ellen Nelson

CARE...

Barb DeWolf has pneumonia and is experiencing a slow recovery at Village Woods, Rm. 514.

Anne Koval is recovering from two fractured lumbar vertebrae. She had two MRI's Thursday, March 16, and is waiting for results.

Mike Hoeksema has returned home from Rush and continues his rehab at home.

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

Jan Nelson has discontinued her physical therapy for the time being.

Norma Knopf has completed her chemo treatments and will be starting radiation treatments soon.

Kathy Oord has been scheduled for a double mastectomy on Wednesday, March 29, which will be followed by four-to-six weeks of radiation treatments.

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

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

Lula Brown, Felicia Flowers' mother, is recovering from breast cancer surgery.

Christopher Nelson continues in a monitoring stage watching for new lump growth.

Dianne Gruger, the mother of Megan DeYoung, has completed her treatments for lung cancer. She is in a monitoring stage and will be tested again in the future.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 12

Basket Total: \$2,206.65; Online Total: \$3,670.00
Giving Total: \$6,306.65; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

First Security: Barry Voss

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends Betty Paarlberg who passed away on Monday, March 14, 2023.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RANDY GRETZ: Tricia Paarlberg and the family of Randy Gretz invite the congregation to a memorial service on **Saturday, May 13**, at 1:00pm, here at church. Continue to pray for Trish and the family in their time of mourning.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're starting a series of "Getting to Know You" slides where our church family can meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. We'll be starting with members of our staff but stay tuned... maybe you'll be interviewed next!

CALLING ALL SINGERS! We are forming an Easter Choir to help lead us in worship on Easter Sunday, April 9. If you would like to participate, please join us for our large group rehearsal on **Wednesday, April 5**, at 6:00pm (with the bell choir and timpani joining us at 7:00pm). Contact Anthony if you would like to participate, so he can give you music ahead of time.

LENT 2023 began with Ash Wednesday. It is the time of year we orient our hearts toward repentance and new growth as we remember the sacrifice of Christ. Mark your calendars. **All Wednesday services** will be in the chapel at 6:00pm!

📅 Wednesday, March 22: Lenten Prayer Service

📅 Wednesday, March 29: Examen Bible Study

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Service for all ages at 9:30am

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. 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.

ILLIANA BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS are hosting a fun Spring Luncheon at Smits Farms, located at 3437 Sauk Trail, Chicago Heights, IL, on **Thursday, March 23**, at 11:30am. You will learn about the impact of the Bible League ministry around the world, enjoy a beautiful setting and great laughs with local comedian, Tracy De Graaf. Tickets are \$30. Deadline is March 16. Contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill for tickets.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES for all ages from 11:10am-noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

- All children from preschool to- 5th grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there.
 - 6th - 8th grade meets in the Chapel
 - Tibstra House meets in the Heritage Room

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet for the last session of their study of Isaiah this **Tuesday, March 21**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework for Session 7, "Trust God's Coming," pgs. 159-181 in the study guide. We will be viewing the Session 7 video, as well and working on memorizing Isaiah 64:4. Hope you can attend.

REMINDERS...

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

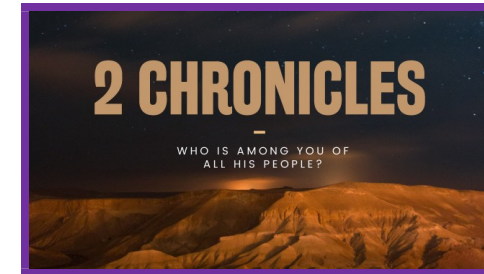
KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

SERMON NOTES...

II Kings 24:11-25:30 and II Chronicles 36:11-23
“Covenant: God Calls Us to True Reconciliation”
Rev. James Oord

PRAYER ROOM: Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.



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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