

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 26, 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 26, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
"The Love of God – Getty"
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

"Let All Things Now Living"
"God the Uncreated One"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor James Oord

Song of Assurance

"Eden is Open"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-23, 3:1-15, 21

Sermon

"Covenant: God's Project of Love and Benevolence"

Song of Response

"This Is My Father's World"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"God So Loved the World"

*Gloria Patri

*Benediction

Pastor James Oord

*Sending in Grace

"O How He Loves You & Me"

*Postlude

"The Love of God"

*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...

Mike Hoeksema remains at Rush Hospital on the neuro monitoring floor.

Don VanDeursen is recovering from a procedure he had this past Thursday.

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

Jan Nelson continues in physical therapy due to her fall.

Norma Knopf has completed her chemo. She will be starting radiation treatments five days a week soon. Please pray for endurance and strength as she tackles these treatments.

Kathy Oord is wrapping up her chemotherapy, after which she will be scheduled for surgery.

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, has breast cancer and continues her recovery from surgery.

Christopher Nelson continues in a monitoring mode watching for new lump growth. His next oncologist appointment is in February.

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: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Senior Living #409, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 19

Basket Total: \$4,143.52; Online Total: \$1,585.00

Gift & Memorial: Randy Gretz - \$200.00

Giving Total: \$5,928.52; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Emergency: Erick Carter

First Security: Mike Costello

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Don VanBaren; **WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Lucas Bolkema Nolan Bolkema, Gail Housman, Nate Houseman, and Peter Keep

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Dorothy Jacobson

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: First Wednesday Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 5

GREETERS: Robert Wooley and Aaron Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Austin Parks, Lisa Triemstra and Abby Veldboom

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Mike & Cindy Nylen

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

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Phil Rietveld on the passing of his wife, Audrey on Sunday, February 19.

THANK YOU to the congregation and staff of First Reformed Church, as well as our friends and family, for the outpouring of support shown to us during Randy's recent illness and passing. We were encouraged, surrounded, and lifted up by your prayers, cards, visits, and meals. You helped us during a deep valley, and we are thankful for everyone at First Reformed. A special thank you to Pastor Jim for your visits and strength.
- Tricia Paarlberg and children

WE REJOICE WITH RALPH & MARGENE PAARLBERG as they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary this Monday, February 27. All are invited to an open house Monday, February 27, from 2:30 to 4:00pm at Bickford Senior Living, in Bourbonnais (address is 100 Jones Ave.).

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!

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, February 28**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework for Session 6, "Trust God's Correction," pgs. 131-155 in the study guide. Also begin memorizing Isaiah 38:16. The session 6 video will be viewed at this time as well. Hope to see you there.

MEDIEVAL TIMES: In March of 2020, we had 38 people signed up to attend a fellowship event at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Schaumburg, IL. COVID prevented us from enjoying that event together at that time, but it has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 18**, at 7:00pm. The night will feature a two-hour live medieval knight show (including jousting, falconry, and horsemanship) as well as a four-course medieval feast (including soup, garlic bread, potato, chicken, corn on the cob, drinks, and dessert). Make it a date night or bring the whole family along. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$30 for children ages 3- 12. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers.






THE 175 PATCHWORK QUILT PROJECT: To celebrate our anniversary, we are commissioning a Patchwork Quilt formed from quilt patches from friends and families of First Church. These patches will be available after each Sunday morning service in the Fellowship Hall. On each patch you can write your name and favorite Bible verse reference. If you are unable to select a patch you can contact the church office (708-333-0622 or office@frcsh.org) to have a patch signed for you. The deadline for your selection is today. Be a part of this very special anniversary opportunity in a permanent display of our love for God and each other both today and for all tomorrows.

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.

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 except for our March 1, First Wednesday Fellowship meal. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

-  Wednesday, March 1: First Wednesday Fellowship (meal, but no service)
-  Wednesday, March 8: Lenten Worship Service
-  Wednesday, March 15: Examen Bible Study
-  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

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, 2023. Contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill for tickets.

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 1:26-28, 3:1-15, 21

“Covenant: God’s Project of Love and Benevolence””

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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