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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

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany Communion Sunday, February 5, 2023

"Healthy people  
don't need a  
doctor - sick  
people do. I  
have come to  
call not those  
who think they  
are righteous,  
but those who  
know they are  
sinners and need  
to repent."  
- Luke 5:27-32 NLT -



**Welcome...**

The season between Christmas and Lent is called Epiphany, a season of celebrating the light of Jesus shining in all places, the blessing of Jesus reaching as far as the curse is found, the Kingdom of Jesus growing and welcoming people from every tribe, race, nation, and tongue.

We're glad to celebrate the light of Jesus with you! For 175 years, First Reformed Church has been working to shine that light in our community, and we're happy to welcome you to worship and fellowship with us today! Whether you've been worshipping here your whole life or this is your first time with us (or with any church), this is the right place for you to be this morning! We needed you to be with our rejoicing band of pilgrim sisters and brothers as we celebrate Jesus together today.

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## February 12, 2023

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	<i>"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"</i> <i>"I Need Thee Every Hour"</i> <i>"Jesus, What A Friend for Sinners"</i>
Welcome & Greeting	Anthony Bolkema
Congregational Worship	<i>"We Come, O Christ, To You"</i> <i>"Christ is Enough"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Jim Oord
Song of Assurance	<i>"Come, Ye Sinners"</i>

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 5:27-32
Sermon	"To Proclaim Good News: Reactions to Jesus (4)"
Song of Response	<i>"Yes, Lord, Yes"</i>

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Jim Oord
Offertory	<i>"Grace Greater Than All Our Sin"</i>
*Gloria Patri	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"Whiter Than Snow"</i>

\*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...

**Don VanDeursen** has been released from the hospital but will have more testing done Monday. He is scheduled for another surgery on Friday, February 17.

**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** has one week of chemotherapy remaining, 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.

**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, completed her radiation treatments but will continue with her chemo treatments for lung cancer.

**Lula Brown**, Felicia Flowers' mother, has breast cancer and continues her recovery from surgery.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer, Room 221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

### OUR GIFTS...

#### Sunday, February 5

Basket Total: \$11,418.25; Online Total: \$2,220.00  
Giving Total: \$13,638.25; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

### ON DUTY MONTH OF FEBRUARY...

**First Emergency:** Erick Carter

**First Security:** Mike Costello

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**GREETERS:** Dennis Woltzen and Don DeGraff

**WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** Austin Parks, Nolan Bolkema, Matthew Rietveld, Abby Veldboom, and Rachel Wooley

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

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengeod and Griff & Mary Decker

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Grace Jacobsma, Raylene Oord, and Chandra Ondrejka

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**7:00AM:** Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**GREETERS:** Jim DeGroot and Trina Taylor

**WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Bill Nyhanna, Nikki Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Mary Bosman, Mary Paulton, and Alison VanderWoude

***SERMON NOTES...***

**Luke 5:27-32**

**“To Proclaim Good News: Reactions to Jesus (4)”**

**Pastor James Oord**

## CHURCH LIFE...

**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!

**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](mailto:office@frcsh.org)) to have a patch signed for you. The deadline for your selection is February 26. **Please note, we will not be here on February 12.** 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.

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will meet this **Tuesday, February 14**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. We will be watching the Session 5 video on our study of Isaiah, "Trusting God's Commands." As it is Valentine's Day, come for a treat or two as well! See you there!

**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.







**YOUR YEARLY GIVING STATEMENT** is available today in the Fellowship Hall.

**LENT 2023: Wednesday, February 22**, is Ash Wednesday, beginning the season of Lent, the time of year we orient our hearts toward repentance and new growth as we remember the sacrifice of Christ. Every Wednesday from February 22 until Easter at 6:00pm will be a special Lenten midweek service held in the chapel. Mark your calendars.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE/SOUP SUPPER** (February 22). Join us for a time of worship and stay for a Soup Supper following the service as we begin the Lenten Season together. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make your favorite soups. Please sign-up at the Welcome Centers or call the church office at 333.0622. Also, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are joining us for the evening.



**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, February 22: Ash Wednesday Service followed by the Soup Supper
-  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

## 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.