

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022



Welcome...

Eastertide is the 50-day period beginning with Easter Sunday and ending with the celebration of Pentecost. How beautiful that the Church's celebration of New Life and Resurrection aligns with the season of Spring here in the Northern Hemisphere. As one hymn puts it, "See, the spring of souls today, Christ has burst death's prison!" Just as the dreary drab cold of winter bursts into green new life around us, we experience the life-giving power of the gospel as we meet Jesus here.

For nearly 175 years, First Reformed Church has been a place celebrating the "spring of souls" that we find in Jesus. So, whether you've been worshipping here for 90+ years, whether this is your first time here, whether you're old or young, a lifelong Christian or someone seeking answers to life's questions, this is a place to meet Jesus, our risen Lord, and find new life, abundant life, changed life, meaningful life in him.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 15, 2022

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"You Deserve It"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Cornerstone"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Romans 5:1-5

Sermon

"A Time of Hope"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

Joanne Hoeksema

Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jeffrey Campbell

*Sending in Grace

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Organ Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*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...

Felix and Chinedu Akoma have safely returned home from Nigeria. Chinedu continues to recover at home from lingering effects of her stroke.

Norma Smit is recovering from successful carpal tunnel surgery at home.

Ramelle DeVries' recent struggle with extreme headaches has been found to be caused by temporal arteritis, for which she is now receiving treatments.

Wayne and Joyce Deinema both continue to struggle with health concerns and is complicated as Wayne cares for Joyce.

Loretta Bovenkerk continues her rehab at Sunrise Villa in Olympia Fields.

Celeste DeBoer has returned home from the hospital and is continuing dialysis and hyperbaric treatments.

Mike and Joanne Hoeksema's grandson, **Jordan Tanis**, had surgery last Tuesday to partially close his chest. The doctors plan to place his pacemaker internally towards the end of the week. Prayer for continued healing and to return home this weekend.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan fears his lymphoma has gotten worse. Pray for him as he had a surgical biopsy last Tuesday and is waiting for the results of a PET scan. He has started infusion therapy.

Felicia Flowers' mother, **Lula Brown**, continues her treatment for breast cancer.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Carol Housman**, Cedarhurst of Dyer, 1763 Calumet Ave. #10, Dyer, IN 463111

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2022...

THE DEACONS are pleased to announce that we have completed funding for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. A hearty thanks is expressed to the congregation for your generous support through your offerings and donations!

REMINDERS...

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

PLEASE 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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Basket Total: \$16,045.00

Online Total: \$2,746.00

Gift & Memorial/Bob Asmus: \$100.00

Giving Total: \$18,791.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

First Security: Barry Voss

(Welcome, Barry, to the First Security Team!)

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET will be held this **Tuesday, May 17**. It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Reception starts at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to office@cpoministries.org or by phone to Noreen at the office 708-331-3301. You don't want to miss this event!

SERMON NOTES...

Romans 5:1-5
“A Time of Hope”
Pastor Jeffrey Campbell

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MAY 15

GREETERS: Don VanBaren, Robert, Aaron, and Benjamin Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

MUSIC TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Austin Parks, and Robert Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Wybren & Kathy Oord and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

COOKIE LADIES: Barb Grevengoed, Kathy Oord, and Gerri VanBaren

MONDAY, MAY 16

9:30AM: Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAY 17

6:30PM: Reception for the CPO Banquet at Serbian Social Center in Lansing

SUNDAY, MAY 22

GREETERS: Rodger Norris, Jim DeGroot, and Keith Durkin

WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylén

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema

MUSIC TEAM: Calvin Handoko, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE LADIES: Mary Decker, Joanne Hoeksema, and Deb Woltzen

CHURCH LIFE...

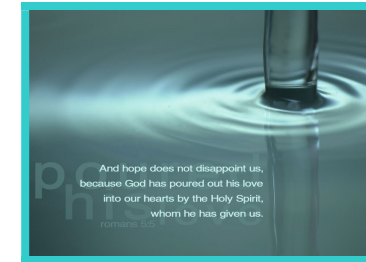
PASTOR JEFFREY CAMPBELL is the pastor of the historic Woodlawn Baptist Church in Chicago, serving the community of Jackson Park since 1890. Pastor Campbell is a powerful proclaimer of the gospel and is known for his advocacy for mental health and violence prevention. We welcomed Pastor Campbell into our pulpit to bring God's Word at the memorial service for Sharon Brooks' father, Henry Amos. We are so blessed to welcome him back to bless us this morning.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION for your nominations, attendance, and vote at the congregational meal and meeting of this past Tuesday. The following members were elected to office: Elders: Gwen Adams, Wybren Oord, and Rick Veldboom. Deacons: Claude Brooks Jr., Mike Decker, Bill Nyhanna (1 yr. term), Nick Paarlberg, and Eric Pradelski. Trustees: Colin Cutler, Steve DeVries, and Rich Zimmerman. The Consistory and congregation take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the leading of these individuals to service in our church. We pray for God's blessings on each of them as they will take important leadership positions in 2022-2023. We also bless God for the humble leadership and service of Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, Rhonda Hesselink, Trina Taylor, Keith Durkin, Keith Flowers, Craig Nelson, and Rodger Norris who are outgoing members of the Consistory. Also, for the service of Glenn Gouwens as an outgoing trustee member.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets tonight, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please email Anthony at anthony@frcsh.org.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL & DAY CARE GRADUATION is scheduled for **Friday, June 3**, at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. All First Church members are invited to come and support our families in the Family Life Day Care Program.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT FELLOWSHIP EVENT on **Saturday, June 18**. We will be heading to the Windy City Thunderbolts game. The first pitch is scheduled for 6:05pm. This particular night is "Church Night" (discounted tickets) as well as a Beatles theme night. The game will be followed by fireworks. Tickets are \$7/person. Sign up to join us at this event at one of the welcome centers.



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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