

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Transfiguration Sunday
Sunday, February 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.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY February 19, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"The Church's One Foundation"
"Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night"
"Just As I Am"
"Blessed Be the Name"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Jim Oord

Congregational Worship

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"
"Praise God, Ye Servants of the Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Stronger"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Hosea 2

Sermon

"Entering the Wilderness"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Gwen Adams

Offertory

"We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace"

*Gloria Patri

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*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...

Mike Hoeksema is recovering from a procedure that he had to remove hematomas that were causing pressure on his brain.

Don VanDeursen's procedure has been postponed to this coming 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 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.

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: Viola Van Dam, Providence of Downers Grove, Room 63A, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 12

Basket Total: \$8,019.25
Online Total: \$1,710.00
Giving Total: \$9,729.25
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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 & 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel followed by the Soup Supper

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

6:30PM: Denominational Committee meeting in the Heritage Room

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

CHURCH LIFE...

WE CELEBRATE WITH RALPH & MARGENE PAARLBERG their 70th wedding anniversary on Monday, February 16. All are invited to an Open House on Monday, February 27, from 2:30-4:00pm at Bickford Senior Living in Bourbonnais (address is 100 Jones Avenue).

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@frch.org) to have a patch signed for you. The deadline for your selection is February 26. 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 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.

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: Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday, begins 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 until Easter at 6:00pm will be a special Lenten midweek service held in the chapel. 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, 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

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

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

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Emergency: Erick Carter

First Security: Mike Costello

SERMON NOTES...

Hosea 2
“Entering the Wilderness”
Pastor James Oord

“Say Of Your Brothers,
‘My People,’ And Of
Your Sisters, ‘My Loved
One.’
Hosea 2-1

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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