

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND**
First Sunday after Christmas Day
Communion, January 1, 2023



Merry Christmas...

The Twelve Days of Christmas run from December 25 - January 6 and are a time of celebration!

Our message today comes from the book of Nahum. This is the symbol used in our Nahum window (the Minor Prophet windows are along the south wall of our main sanctuary). Nahum promised a time where God would "break the yoke from your neck and tear your shackles away" (Nahum 1:13). This is the Christmas good news that we celebrate and shout from the mountains (Nahum 1:15)!

Hope, love, joy, and peace are ours through the coming of Christ. We're so glad you're celebrating with us today!

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

TOLLING OF THE BELLS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Rodger Norris

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

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

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Bella VanderWoude

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

COOKIE LADIES: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Gail Housman

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

(Family Life Day Care will be closed through January 6)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Camp TimberLee/OASIS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Cindy Nysten

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Gail Housman, Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Woole

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker

COOKIE LADIES: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Koster, and Deb Woltzen

CARE...

Randy Gretz suffered a stroke on Christmas Day and is at the University of Chicago Hospital. He is improving but will continue to be monitored.

Alice Kats has been transitioned to hospice care in her home. Pray for her comfort and peace.

Jan Nelson continues in physical therapy due to her fall.

Craig Nelson is recovering from successful neck surgery he had on Thursday, December 8.

Norma Knopf has been diagnosed with breast cancer and started chemo treatments on Wednesday, November 30, which will be followed by radiation treatments.

Kathy Oord has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. She has finished her first regime of bi-weekly chemo and has begun a set of weekly chemo treatments and has 7 more weeks to go.

Rachel Wooley continues with chemotherapy and the good news is her tumors are shrinking.

Carol Snyder is doing well and has healed from her broken elbow; she is thankful for your prayers.

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: Carol Housman, Cedarhurst of Dyer, #10, Room 3106, 1763 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

TOLLING OF THE BELLS Communion Sunday, January 1, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*Festivity on "Holy Manna"
"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"
"Another Year is Dawning"*

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Jim Oord

Opening Song of Worship

"Of The Father's Love Begotten"

Cross with Lilies Chrismon

Congregational Worship

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"In Christ Alone"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

John 6:29-40

Sermon

"Sir, Always Give Us This Bread"

Tolling of the Bells

"Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*"Communion Meditation"
"Come All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"*

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Day By Day"

*Doxology

"What Child Is This?"

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

*Postlude

"All Glory Be to Christ"

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Marilyn De Young who passed away on Sunday, December 25. Visitation is Monday, January 2, from 4:00 – 7:00pm at Smits Funeral Home in South Holland. Visitation on Tuesday, January 3, from 10:00 – 11:00am followed by the funeral service at First Reformed Church.

SMALL GROUP RESTART: As we begin a new year, we are going to restart a small group ministry. This will be a great way to jump start your year alongside your church family. For 90 days (from Monday, January 9 through Palm Sunday), small groups of 6-8 people will work through a devotional together. If you're interested in joining a small group for the first quarter of 2023, sign up at the Welcome Center!

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will next meet on **Tuesday, January 10**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework on Session 4, "Trust God's Comfort" pages 71-97 in the study guide and memorize the beautiful words of Isaiah 40:31. At this time, we will also view the Session 4 video and fill in p. 98 in the study guide. We hope you can attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will continue Christmas break this Sunday, **January 1**. All classes will resume on **Sunday, January 8**.

OFFERING ENVELOPES have been issued for 2023 and are in your mail slots. If you should have any questions, please contact Mike Decker at 708-567-5447.

DID YOU KNOW? Our church has a Facebook page! Like and follow the page to get information about upcoming events, historical tidbits, and snapshots of what's going on at First. If you take the time to like or share our posts, it helps get the word out about events and services to bless our community.

OUR ANNUAL TOLLING OF THE BELLS SERVICE is today. We look forward to hearing the bell toll for the loved ones who have gone on to glory this past year. We also have the joy of remembering the baptisms we celebrated this past year.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CELEBRATION will be held on **Saturday, January 14**, at the Spirit of God Fellowship at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to attend! This celebration honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with song and scripture.

VETERANS PARK LIGHT DISPLAY: The Christmas lights at Veterans Memorial Park are now aglow! The spectacular light display will shine just a few more nights till **January 3, 2023**. Make sure to stop by and take a stroll!

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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Basket Total: \$10,296.00
William Rietveld Estate: \$104.46
Online Total: \$1,155.00
Giving Total: \$11,555.46
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude
First Security: Richard Thornton

SERMON NOTES...

John 6:29-40
"Sir, Always Give Us This Bread"
Pastor Jim Oord



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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