

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Communion Sunday, May 1, 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.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
"In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"All Creatures"
"In Christ Alone"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Man of Sorrows"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-14, Colossians 3:9-14, and Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon

"I Witness: with my feet"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

"Nearer, Still Nearer"
"All Who Are Thirsty"

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending In Grace

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Organ Postlude

"Renew Thy Church"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

CARE...

Felix and Chinedu Akoma ask for prayers as they travel to Nigeria to visit friends and family. Pray especially for Chinedu as she is still recovering from her stroke and is anxious about travelling in her weakened state.

Ramelle DeVries was admitted to Munster Community Hospital for tests to determine the cause of severe headaches.

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

Celeste DeBoer is in rehab at Ingalls Hospital recovering from an infection.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, is scheduled for a surgical biopsy on May 2 to determine if his lymphoma has progressed. He is also waiting for the results of a PET scan and will begin infusion therapy on May 5.

Lindsay Robertson, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, is now in remission.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Senior Living, Room 209, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES for all ages from 11:00am-noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

- All children from preschool to fifth grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there.
- 3 - 4-year-olds meet in the Elisha Room (behind the Heritage Room).
- K – 2nd graders meet in the library.
- 3rd – 5th graders meet in the Genesis Room.
- The 6th – 8th graders will meet in the Heritage Room.
- Our adult class will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am.

Today is the last day of Sunday School.

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for all the prayers and cards (following Henry's passing). Thank you for the Easter lily delivered by Deb and Dennis Woltzen. Thank you for the visits from all three of our beloved pastors. Henry rests in peace. - Anne Koval

OUR CONGRATULATIONS is extended to the family of Roy and Stephanie Nelson on the birth of their daughter, Natalie Rose, born on Friday, April 22.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets tonight, **Sunday, May 1**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon, and Trustees:

ELDER NOMINEES: Gwen Adams, Wybren Oord, and Rick Veldboom

DEACON NOMINEES: Claude Brooks Jr., Mike Decker, Bill Nyhanna (1-year term), Nick Paarlberg, and Eric Pradelski

TRUSTEE NOMINEES: Steve DeVries, Colin Cutler, and Rich Zimmerman

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND MEETING: Our congregational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 10**, at 6:00PM. It will start with a "Taco Tuesday" meal for us to enjoy together as we celebrate everything God is doing in our church. This will be in lieu of our First Wednesday Fellowship Meal. The main purpose of the meeting will be the election of elders, deacons and trustees and any other business which rightfully comes before such a meeting. Eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age. Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you are planning to attend this meal and meeting.

PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee Ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 10. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of "yes" or "no" for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

SERMON NOTES...

Isaiah 60:1-14, Colossians 3:9-14, and Matthew 28:18-20

“I Witness: with my feet”

Pastor Jim Oord

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 1

GREETERS: Don VanBaren, Alison VanderWoude, and Lucas VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

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

MONDAY, MAY 2

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

5:45PM: F-PEC meeting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MAY 8

GREETERS: Liam VanderWoude, Steve VanderWoude, and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Bella VanderWoude, and Rachel Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rachel Wooley

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker, Trina Taylor and Gwen Adams

COOKIE LADIES: Nyla DeGraff, Rhonda DeBok, and Nancy DeVries

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized. Also, both welcome centers to sign-up to attend congregational meal and meeting.

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, April 24, 2022

Basket Total: \$8,833.25; Special Projects: \$10,804.94; Online Total: \$3,800.00
Giving Total: \$23,438.19; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Mary Decker; First Security: Keith Durkin

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Join us this **Thursday, May 5** | 7:30am at Spirit of God Fellowship | 16350 State St. In observance of the National Day of Prayer, the South Holland Ministerial Association is hosting the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, which will be in person this year. Join Mayor De Graff and South Holland pastors as they pray for our Village, State, and Nation. Pastor Alfonzo Surrent, Jr., is the keynote speaker. Admission is \$7 at the door.

SAVE THE DATE: CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET will be held on **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 by Monday, May 2 to office@cpoministries.org or by phone to Noreen at the office 708-331-3301.

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!



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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