

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 21, 2022



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*Variations on "St. Thomas"
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

*"Praise the King"
"Our Great Savior"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Grace Flows Down"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 17

Sermon

"How's Your Heart? Vindicated Before God's Face"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Be Still & Know"

*Organ Postlude

"Like a River Glorious"

*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...

Marla Owens was admitted to Franciscan Hospital in Munster, Room 301, due to a degenerative spinal issue causing difficulty in walking and standing.

Kathy Oord has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She is currently undergoing tests to determine the extent of the cancer and scheduling treatments.

John Kraai had lung surgery at Northwestern this past week. He is home recovering.

Mike Lafferty continues his recuperation after a fall. The boot he has been wearing since May was removed this week. Pray for strengthening in his lower leg.

Diana Abernathy is waiting for results after having medical tests Wednesday.

Rachel Wooley's chemotherapy is working but she will need 6 more rounds of chemo.

Jan Nelson is home recovering from knee surgery she had June 24 to repair torn ligaments on her left knee and a detached kneecap.

Chinedu Akoma continues to regain strength from lingering effects of her stroke.

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

Christopher Nelson had a PET scan for his lymphoma on July 11 which showed a small sign of improvement. He will continue in a monitoring stage.

Debra Pletzke, daughter of Ron Abernathy, is having heart problems and had tests run this past Friday.

Diane Gruger, the mother of Megan DeYoung, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has started chemo treatments.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, Village Woods #514, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Basket Total: \$13,517.25; Online Total: \$3,756.00

Gift & Memorial, Joyce Deinema: \$100.00; Foundation Giving: \$1,000.00

Giving Total: \$18,373.25(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Don VanBaren

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

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

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nate Housman, Kevin Hesselink, Julia Keep, Nate Krysgheld, and Robert Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

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

COOKIE LADIES: Mary Koster, Grace Jacobsma, and Sara Jabaay

4:00 – 6:00PM: Church Picnic in the Activity Center

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

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

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

2:00PM: Calvin Christian School Convocation Service in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

GREETERS: Trina Taylor and Keith Durkin; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

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

MUSIC TEAM: Peter Keep, Adeline Larson, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Austin Parks, and Abby Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

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

COOKIE LADIES: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Alison VanderWoude

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Erick Carter

First Security: Rich Thornton

SERMON NOTES...

Psalm 17

“How’s Your Heart? Vindicated Before God’s Face”

Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Evelyn Schreiber on the passing of her son-in-law, Scott Kramer, on Sunday, August 14. Pray for safe travels as the Schreiber family has gone to Lawrenceville, GA to be with Evonne and the girls for the funeral.

THANK YOU for all your prayers. Chemo is working! One of the liver tumors has shrunk by 20%. Praise the Lord! Please pray for strength as I continue chemo treatments and teaching this Fall. Prayers make a difference. – Rachel Wooley

OUR CONGRATULATIONS IS EXTENDED to the Bolkema family on the adoption of Brycen Rydar Bashir Bolkema on **Thursday, August 18**.

ON JULY 14 I had a mass removed from my colon and praise God there was no cancer. Thank you for remembering me with cards, calls, and prayers.

Christian Love to All, Norma Smit

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will begin a modified choir season (singing one Sunday per month) beginning on **Wednesday, September 7**. A letter with complete information is in your mail slot this morning. Please contact Anthony with any questions.

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE with any changes to your address, Email, phone, etc. as a new directory is being worked on. If you were a former WOW subscriber (now Astound by RCN) and now have a new email address due to that change, please provide your new information to the office as well!

PLEASE JOIN US as the First Church Ladies’ Bible Study will begin its new season on Tuesday, September 27, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This year, we will be using the DVD study by Melissa Spoelstra entitled: “Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More.” In this study we will learn about the “Never Changing Truths of God” in our ever-changing times. If you have never studied the book of Isaiah this is a wonderful opportunity! Our Bible Study sessions will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The study guide costs \$24.00 (included in this price is access to the videos online should you miss a session). Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by **Tuesday, September 6**, if you want to be a part of this exciting and inspirational Bible Study. Hope you can attend!



NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!

This fall, we invite you to come out every other Wednesday to watch *The Chosen* together. *The Chosen* is a carefully researched and well-made dramatization of the life of Jesus as told in the biblical gospels. *The Atlantic's* reviewer said, "Take it from a

critic and a Christian with an aversion to Christian entertainment: the show is good." This study will begin on **Wednesday, September 7** and will include a meal, at 6:00pm and run every other Wednesday until we finish Season 1. The episode screening will be followed by discussion and a digger deep into Bible's stories of the life of Jesus. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

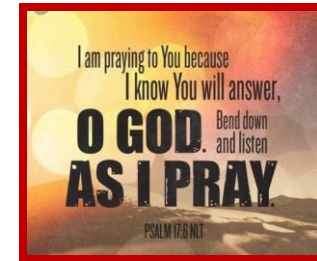
Mark your calendars for these future exciting fellowship times!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS & STUDY NIGHTS
Sept. 21, Oct. 5 & 19, & Nov. 2 & 16 & 30, and Dec. 14
6:00 – 7:30pm
Dec. 7: First Christmas Party (no study)

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH is hosting an all-school Convocation Service for Calvin Christian School on **Friday, August 26**, at 2:00pm. All are invited to join us as we begin the school year.

COOKIE LADIES: Thank you for being a vital part of our hospitality committee at First Church and for all the yummy creations you make or buy. Everyone appreciates your efforts! Please check your mailboxes for the new cookie schedule for September thru December. - Mary Koster/Nancy DeVries

ELIM CHRISTIAN SERVICES PRESENTS: Dutch Fest 2022, the 26th Annual Dutch Festival is **Saturday, September 24!** It will be held on the Crestwood campus – 13020 S. Central Avenue. Dutch Fest is fun for all ages. Enjoy the Pannekoek (pancake) Breakfast, available 7:30am to 10am as well as the Children's Area, Live Entertainment, Food Court, Dutch Village Shops & more from 8am to 4pm. Free admission, parking and shuttle. All proceeds bless the students and adults that Elim serves. For more information, visit <https://www.elimcs.org/get-involved/events>



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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