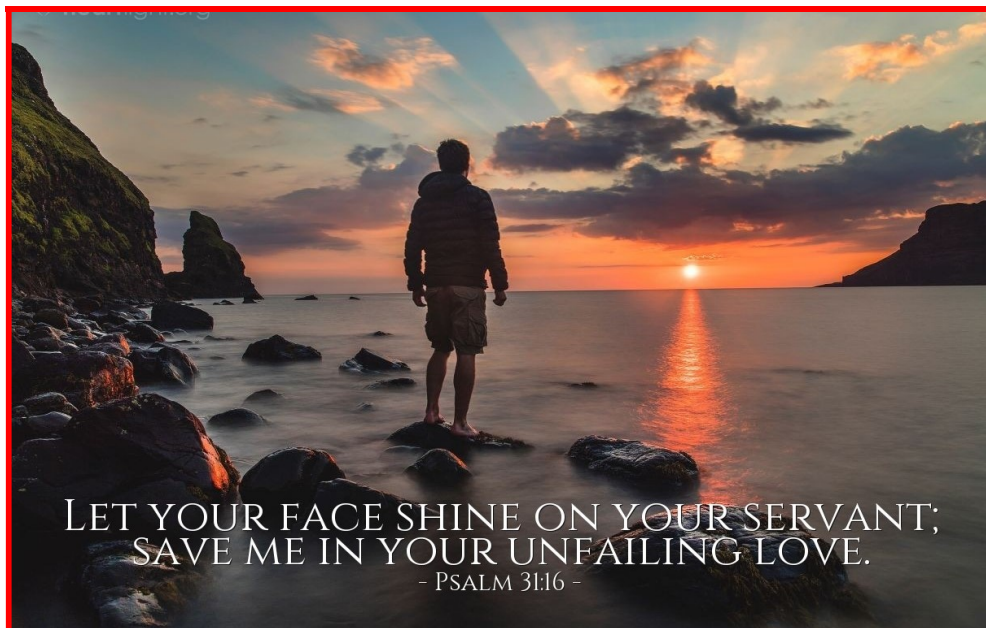


**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Communion Sunday, August 4, 2024**



LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON YOUR SERVANT;  
SAVE ME IN YOUR UNFAILING LOVE.  
- PSALM 31:16 -

***Welcome to First Reformed Church!***

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."

More than 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.

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**WE APPROACH GOD**

Organ Prelude	<i>"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"</i> <i>"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"</i> <i>"Like a Shepherd"</i>
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Psalm 150"</i> <i>"Praise Him! Praise Him!"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"The Bible Tells Me So"</i>
Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture	Psalm 31
Message	<i>"How's Your Heart? Under Siege"</i>
Prayers of the People	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Response	<i>"My Times Are in Your Hands"</i>

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Offertory	Request Jar
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Our God Will Go Before Us"</i>
*Organ Postlude	Steve DeVries
*Those who are able please stand.	

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

## ***UP & COMING AT FIRST...***

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

**GREETERS:** Jim DeGroot and Don DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Gail Housman, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Robert Wooley  
**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley  
**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Noreen VanDeursen  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nyla DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 5**

**9:30AM:** Piece Makers meet in Fellowship Hall  
**6:00PM:** F-PEC meets in Fellowship Hall  
**7:00PM:** Music Team

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7**

**6:00PM:** Summer Study at Calvary Community Church  
**7:30PM:** ACT meets in the Heritage Room

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**

**6:45PM:** Rail Cats Game

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Austin Parks, Bill Nyhanna, Grant Sikkema, Bella VanderWoude, and Abby Veldboom  
**PROJECTION:** Jonathan VanderWoude  
**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers  
**SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**PIANO:** Jeremiah Green  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Megan DeYoung, Barb Housman, and Katie Sikkema

## ***CARE...***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to **Viola VanDam!** She will turn 104 years young on Tuesday, August 13! Cards can be sent to her at Providence Downers Grove, 3450 Saratoga Avenue, Room #63A, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

**Emily Seefeldt** thanks the congregation for the cards and prayers, she has returned home where she continues to receive care.

**Anne Koval's** procedure to repair a fractured vertebra went well and has brought relief. She has been released from the hospital and is receiving rehab at home.

**Ellen Nelson** requests prayers for her son Curt and daughter Colleen, who are both going through a variety of serious health issues.

**Craig and Jan Nelson** continue to struggle with a variety of health issues and need prayers for health and strength.

**Chuck Dinkel** is recovering at home from his successful lung surgery.

**Mary Berumen** has returned to Oak Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Room #100 to gain strength.

**Marla Owens** underwent intestinal surgery on August 1, at Franciscan Hospital in Dyer and expects to remain in the hospital for a few days as she recovers.

**Adina Holloman**, Trina Taylor's daughter, is in University of Chicago hospital with meningitis.

**Dianne**, Megan DeYoung's mother, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Monday, August 5.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** **Anne Koval**, 713 East 156<sup>th</sup> Place, South Holland, IL 60473

## ***ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...***

**First Security:** Mike Costello

**First Emergency:** Trina Taylor

## CHURCH LIFE...

**TODAY WE UNVEIL** the sixth installment of the First Reformed Church Project 175 Banner series. This banner hangs on the north end of the Fellowship Hall and covers the years 1973-1998. Be sure to check out this new installation today during fellowship time following morning worship.

**UNITY SERVICE:** On **Sunday, August 25**, the entire congregation of Calvary Community Church will come to worship with us. Members of Family Church in Chicago Heights will also be included in this service. This service will be at our typical worship time of 9:30am. We eagerly anticipate these opportunities to share unity and fellowship in Christ.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** through **August 21**, we will be holding a special study from 6:00-7:30pm. Plan on attending these opportunities to learn and grow together!

- **Topic:** "the ABCs of Being Reformed"
- **Who's invited:** members of Family Church, Calvary Community Church, and **YOU!**
- **What to bring:** your Bible
- **Who's teaching:** pastors and elders from all three churches
- **Where:** alternating between First Reformed (August 14) and Calvary Community (August 7 and 21)

**JOIN US FOR A GARY RAILCATS BASEBALL GAME** this **Friday, August 9**, at 6:45pm. Tickets are \$13/person, which includes a \$5 voucher for concessions or merchandise. Sign up at the Welcome Centers if you can attend! Money for tickets can be given to the church office or a staff member. Make checks payable to First Reformed Church.

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 24**, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Kickoff Brunch, handing out the new study guide, and watching the first video of our study. This year, our DVD study will be by Kristi McLelland entitled, "Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now". We will join Kristi as she transports us back to Jesus' world following in the footsteps of the women who met Jesus face to face. The cost of the study guide is \$26.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). If you are an Amazon Prime member you may order your own study guide. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Monday, September 9 if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. Hope you can attend!

**COOKIE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:** Please check your mailbox for the September-December Cookie Duty schedule. Thank you for your commitment to this vital ministry at First Church.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 28<sup>TH</sup> Annual Elim Dutch Festival will be held on **Saturday, September 28**, at Elim Christian Services in Crestwood. Be sure to mark your calendar.



### THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 OPPORTUNITY!

This fall, we invite you to once again come out every other Wednesday to watch *The Chosen, Season 3* together. If you didn't watch seasons 1 & 2 with us last year, you're still welcome to come! You can catch up on Seasons 1 & 2 for free online (or ask the church office about DVDs you can borrow). This study starts on **Wednesday, August 28**, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm and run every other Wednesday until we finish Season 3. The episode screening will be followed by a short discussion and a deeper dig into the Bible's stories of the life of Jesus. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

**Mark your calendars for these future exciting fellowship times!**

#### FUTURE WEDNESDAY "THE CHOSEN 3" NIGHTS

September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23,

November 6 & 20, and December 11

6:00 – 7:30pm

December 4: First Christmas Party (no study)

December 18: Chapel Vespers Service

## REMINDERS....

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

**BE SURE TO EMPTY** your mail slot located downstairs at the base of the stairs.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** We are so close! **Please submit any changes in address/phone/email that may have taken place since our last published directory.** You can ask a staff member to take a quick picture after church if you would like a new picture in the directory.

***SERMON NOTES...***

**Psalm 31**  
**“How’s Your Heart? Under Siege”**  
**Pastor Jim Oord**

**PRAYER ROOM:** Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.

***OUR GIFTS...***

**Sunday, July 28**

Offering: \$2,631.00 (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*); Total Giving: \$5,879.57

Reach 175: \$548.37

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$59,179.15



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**SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**

***STAFF...***

**Rev. Dr. James Oord**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Anthony Bolkema**  
*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

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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.