

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 17, 2021



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

Prelude

"Come, We That Love the Lord"
"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"
"May the Mind of Christ"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Time of Worship

"Sing Praise to the Father"
"Unchanging"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"What Greater Love"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

Sermon

"Love One Another: Nurture Empathy and Grace"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"In This Dry Land"

*Postlude

"Trumpet March"

*Those who are able please stand.

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

USHERS: Russ Paarlberg, Clifton Rhodes, Ron Rietveld, Mike Spitz, Trina Taylor, and Alison VanderWoude

GREETERS: Clair Hoeksema, Liam VanderWoude, Lucas VanderWoude, Steve VanderWoude, and Deb Woltzen

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Joe Fransen

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Church Office and Day Care closed

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

10:00AM: FIC (First Impressions Committee) meets in the Fellowship Hall.

7:00PM: FRCIC (First Reformed Church Investment Committee) meets in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

USHERS: Gwen Adams, Don & Nyla DeGraff, Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, and Dennis Woltzen

GREETERS: Bonnie DeGroot, Rodger Norris, Mike Nylen, Cindy Nylen, and Don VanBaren

MUSIC TEAM: Austin Parks, Bill Nyhanna, Peter Keep, and Bella VanderWoude

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

OASIS: 6:30-8:00pm meeting in the Activity Center.

CARE...

Marie Hesselink has been diagnosed with papillary thyroid cancer. She had an encouraging meeting with the specialist and is in the process of determining treatment.

Rhonda Hesselink will be having surgery Wednesday, January 20 at Franciscan Munster.

Wayne and Joyce Deinema have returned home from Dyer Nursing Home.

Ruth DeBoer has returned to Park Place and is in rehab, Room 103.

Marcus Barnes fell and broke his hip. He has been moved to Rush Hospital for rehab.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, continues needing prayer as he struggles with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Marla Owens has returned home.

Leona Jacobs is in Hospice Care at Park Place in Elmhurst, Room 207.

Brian Van Vuren is recuperating from surgery at the University of Indiana. The cancer was removed, and the reconstruction surgery went well. He will be in the hospital for 1 to 2 weeks and then in rehab.

Stu and Lili Swenson's son, Mark Swenson, has been moved to Evanston Hospital with serious COVID and pneumonia.

Joy Poulos, daughter of Clarence & Judy Brouwers, is under doctors' care as her lymphoma has come back. She will begin treatments the 2nd week of January.

Jane Coleman, Judy Brouwer's sister, is at Bickford Nursing Home in Dyer for rehab.

Chad and Dara VandenBosch, our missionaries in Mozambique, need your prayers as they await a final court date for their adoption of Zinha.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Lois VanVuren**, Symphony of Dyer, Room 221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

SERMON NOTES...

“Love One Another: Nurture Empathy and Grace”

1 John 4:7-21

Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during my time with COVID. Everything was greatly appreciated!
- Joe Fransen

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST! I am happy to report that I was released from Great Lakes Nursing Home on Saturday! Thank you (is not enough) to my First Church family for healing prayers, calls, cards and heartfelt notes, flowers (the poinsettia still looks great), and gift baskets. Even though visitation has not been allowed since October due to COVID, I never felt lonely. It was rare that I would go more than 2-3 days without talking to or texting with at least one of you. I thank God for each of you and your kindness, generosity, and love for me. A special thank you to Rev. Rich and Barb Grevengeod and Dennis Woltzen.

- Marla Owens

THE QUILTERS AND KNITTERS have suspended their meeting together. More information will follow when they decide to meet again.

UPDATED PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are presently being worked on. If you have any changes on your address/phone number/email addresses or if you would like to submit an updated photo of you or your family, please email to church office at office@frcsh.org by the end of January.

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER” signs are available at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall, or through the church office. Share your faith with neighbors and friends. Post a sign as your New Year’s (or any year’s) resolution!

JOIN US FOR A FIRST REFORMED CHURCH CAMPING TRIP this summer from July 30 - August 1 at Potato Creek State Park in North Liberty, IN. Registrations are due by **Friday, January 29** to guarantee your spot. See the handout in your church mail slot for more information. Contact Anthony Bolkema with any questions.

SECRETARIES’ COVID OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON

Monday – Friday

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



AS INDOOR WORSHIP HAS RESUMED and Faith & Fellowship Formation ministries are starting up again, it is a great time to be a part of our First Church Family. The deacons would like to encourage all members to continue your faithful support of the ministry of First Reformed Church through your tithes and your donations. Currently, we need to complete raising funds to pay for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. We are approaching the halfway point, but we still need to raise \$65,050.94 to add to the \$59,827.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL starts up again **today**. Three and four-year-olds meet in the sanctuary, K-2nd Grade in the Genesis Room, 3rd-5th Grade in the Heritage Room, and 6th-12th Grade in the Narthex. The Sunday School classes start 10 minutes after the service concludes and will last 15 minutes. We look forward to growing in God's Word together!

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 26**, at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will review homework from Session 1, "I Am Jonah," and watch the video, "The Life Interrupted." We will fill in the viewer's guide on pages 32-33. Please do the homework on "See Jonah Run," pages 35-53 and be prepared to discuss your findings on Tuesday, February 9.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Basket Total: \$6,157.55; Online Total: \$1,970.00; Special Projects: \$400.00

Giving Total: \$8,527.55; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

There are several ways to bring your gifts to the church:

- Online.
- Mail.
- Bring to church office.
- Put them in the mailbox right outside of the church office door.



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STAFF...

Rev. James Oord <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Gerri VanBaren <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
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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.**