

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 14, 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday, March 14, 2021

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*  
*"God Leads Us Along"*  
*"Trust Medley"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Time of Worship

*"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"*  
*"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 44, John 9, and Romans 8

Sermon

Praying 'Not My Will' During A Pandemic

Song of Response

*"Through the Love of God Our Savior"*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"All For Jesus! All For Jesus!"*

\*Postlude

*"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"*

\*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, MARCH 14

**USHERS:** Russ Paarlberg, Ron Rietveld, Trina Taylor, Alison VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

**GREETERS:** Don & Gerri VanBaren, Steve VanderWoude, and Don & Nyla DeGraff

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

### MONDAY, MARCH 15

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

**10:00AM:** First Impressions meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

**6:00PM:** Lenten Service in the Sanctuary.

**7:00PM:** Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21

**USHERS:** Gwen Adams, Roger & Laurel DeGraff, and Debbie Woltzen

**GREETERS:** Dennis Woltzen, Jim DeGroot, Clair & Lynn Hoeksema, and Cindy Nylen

**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries

**PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Nate Krygsheld, Austin Parks, Matthew Rietveld, and Bella VanderWoude

**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

## *CARE...*

**Les VanDeursen** continues at Hartsfield Village Rehabilitation Center, Room C201.

**Barb Rietveld** is receiving hospice care at home as her health continues to decline. Pray for comfort and peace for Barb and the family.

**Marla Owens** has returned home from the hospital and will soon be scheduled for surgery.

**Ruth DeBoer** has moved to Village Woods, Room 204.

**Gabby Gatlin** has been able to be released from the hospital.

**Wayne Deinema** has returned home and is recovering from surgery. Joyce continues to recuperate from COVID.

**Brian Van Vuren** continues his recovery at home.

**Lindsey Robertson**, brother-in-law of Larry DeYoung, has returned home from the hospital and he is doing very well.

**Christopher Nelson**, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, has decided to wait before beginning chemo due to COVID, as his non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma continues to worsen. Pray he will be able to safely begin treatments soon.

**Stu and Lili Swenson's son, Mark**, has returned home for rehab.

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

## *LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 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, March 23**, at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete Week 5 in your study guide, "Into All the World", pgs. 105-125. We will also view our next video on Jonah, "Having a Temper Tantrum". Hope to see you there.

### *SERMON NOTES...*

Praying 'Not My Will' During A Pandemic  
Psalm 44, John 9, and Romans 8  
Pastor Jim Oord

### *CHURCH LIFE...*

**NOMINATING BALLOTS** for the **Tuesday, May 11** Congregational Meeting at 7:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes on the Narthex shelves by next **Sunday morning, March 21**.

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL** of providing 100 hospice kits to the compassionate ministry of Chad and Dara VandenBosch in Mozambique. **THANK YOU** for your eager generosity! If you have completed kits at home, please still deliver them to church. If you want to participate further, you can still donate money which will be used to purchase other items on their wish-list to send with these kits this spring.

**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](mailto:office@frcsh.org). The deadline has been extended until after our Congregational meeting on May 11.

### *OUR GIFTS...*

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

Basket Total: \$7,531.25

Online Total: \$2,711.00

Special Projects – \$3,200.00; Hospice Kits - \$250.00

Giving Total: \$13,442.25

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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

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

**WORSHIP...**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES** will be held in the Sanctuary and live streamed on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Do not miss out on this mid-week opportunity to re-calibrate our hearts and minds on the mercy of Jesus.

- March 17** – Following in Patrick’s Footsteps
- March 24** – Prayers of Lament
- March 31** – Lenten Hymn sing

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- April 1:** Maundy Thursday (at-home worship service)
  - April 2:** Good Friday Service (Sanctuary at 7:00pm)
  - April 4:** Easter Sunday service (Sanctuary at 9:30am)

**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!

**BLESS AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOR.** As we continue our ‘Love One Another’ campaign, the outreach planning committee will be providing blessing bags for you to give to your neighbors, co-workers, and those around the community. This bag will allow you to be a blessing and invite your neighbor to join us for one of our Lent and Easter Services. Sign-up sheets are available after church or you can sign up by E-Mailing [office@frcsh.org](mailto:office@frcsh.org). Let us know how many bags you want. Items include: Bible, Hand Sanitizer, Gift Cards, and First Reformed Church invite card.



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**STAFF...**

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| <b>Rev. James Oord</b><br><i>Senior Pastor</i>                            | <b>Gerri VanBaren</b><br><i>Administrative Assistant</i>                                    |
| <b>Pastor Corey Buchanan</b><br><i>Associate Pastor</i>                   | <b>Steve Alexander</b><br><i>Church Custodian</i>   |
| <b>Dr. Anthony Bolkema</b><br><i>Pastor of Worship &amp; Ministry</i>     | <b>Jane Ackerman</b><br><i>Church Accountant</i>  |
| <b>Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed</b><br><i>Pastor of Care &amp; Visitation</i> | <b>Darcy Daly</b><br><i>Nursery Coordinator</i>   |
| <b>Nyla DeGraff</b><br><i>Church Administrator</i>                        | <b>Toni Smith</b><br><i>Director of Family Life<br/>Christian Pre-School &amp; Day Care</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.

**SECRETARIES’ COVID OFFICE HOURS**  
**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**