FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 18, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 18, 2021 WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

"Our Father, Clothed with Majesty"

"Praise Ye the Father"

Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship "Sing Praise to the Father"

"Christ Is Risen"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance "His Mercy Is More"

THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading The Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #120 & #121

Song "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Scripture Reading Galatians 3:23 – 4:7

Sermon Easter Prayer: "Our Father in Heaven"

Song of Response "My God Is So Big"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace "He Is Lord"

*Postlude "I Belong to the King"

*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, APRIL 18

USHERS: Ron Rietveld, Trina Taylor, Don VanBaren, and Alison VanderWoude **GREETERS:** Gerri VanBaren, Liam VanderWoude, Lucas VanderWoude, and Steve

VanderWoude

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema PIANO: Amy Veldboom PROJECTION: Trina Taylor VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew

Rietveld, and Robert Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Roger DeGraff

6:30-8:00PM: OASIS meets in Activity Center and Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 19

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

10:00AM: First Impressions meeting in the Fellowship Hall. **7:00PM:** Day Care Board meets in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

USHERS: Gwen Adams, Andy DeBoer, Cindy Nylen, and Deb Woltzen **GREETERS:** Roger & Laurel DeGraff, Mike Nylen, and Jim DeGroot

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Anthony Bolkema
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Peter Keep, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and

Rachel Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Ron Rietveld

CARE...

Jeanette VanderVeen has returned home from the hospital. Jeanette will be turning 100 years old on April 25.

Roger Bovenkerk is recovering from his third eye surgery within three weeks on his cornea. Pray this one is successful.

Chandra Ondrejka is recovering from a broken foot.

Les VanDeursen has returned home.

Elijah Capone is recovering from a broken leg and will be in a cast for 6 to 8 weeks.

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 been scheduled for surgery on Thursday, April 22 at Franciscan Dyer.

Wayne and Joyce Deinema continue to need our prayers as they battle many health issues.

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.

Chad and Dara VandenBosch, our missionaries in Mozambique, need our prayers as they continue the process of adopting Zinha.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lenora Anker c/o Lynn Briney, 2655 E. Vera Lane, Crete, IL 60417

SERMON NOTES...

Galatians 3:23 – 4:7
Easter Prayer: "Our Father in Heaven"
Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

RALPH PAARLBERG will be celebrating his 90th birthday on **Thursday, April 22**. He is so thankful for the many blessings he has received from the Lord.

PLEASE SUBMIT any address/phone number/email updates to the church office for our new upcoming pictorial directory. We would like to incorporate updated pictures in this directory. We ask that you please submit a recent, clear photo of your family (cell phone photos are perfect) and email (office@frcsh.org) to the church office. The deadline has been extended until after our Congregational meeting on Tuesday, May 11.

PLEASE VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the Fellowship Hall after the service to sign cards for our shut-ins who are celebrating birthdays or those who are hospitalized.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Basket Total: \$4,936.25 Online Total: \$2,220.00 Giving Total: \$7,156.25

(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.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The 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!

AREA EVENTS...

BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL is celebrating their 83rd anniversary of ministry. There is a brochure in your mailbox about this ministry with an opportunity to donate. Please prayerfully consider giving. For every \$5 given a BIBLE can be purchased and given to someone who doesn't have one. Thank You.

Your Key Ladies, Judy Gill and Becky Wright

MAYOR'S VIRTUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST is on Thursday, May 6 at 8:00am. Join South Holland pastors and Mayor DeGraff virtually as they pray for our Village, State, and Nation. Online at: Facebook Live (Village of South Holland page).

THE ANNUAL 'EVENING OF THANKSGIVING' for Chicagoland Prison Outreach is underway, and we cannot wait to spend another virtual evening together! This will take place on Tuesday, May 18, at 6:30pm, and you can watch from any digital device. Join us on Facebook or YouTube for 25 minutes, listen to a ministry update from Executive Director Corey Buchanan, and watch amazing testimonies from men and women who have been touched by the work of CPO.

THE SOUTH HOLLAND MEMORIAL DAY PARADE is back for 2021! We are grateful to once again host this annual event as we remember military personnel who have given their lives while serving our country. We are asking parade participants and spectators to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



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 making steady progress, but we still to need to raise \$51,000.94 to add to the \$73,877.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



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STAFF...

Rev. James Oord Senior Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan Associate Pastor

Dr. 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

Darcy Daly *Nursery Coordinator*

Toni SmithDirector of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care

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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