

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25, 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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"
"Psalm 97"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Praise the Lord, O Heavens, Adore Him"
"Jesus Shall Reign"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"God With Us"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:18-30

Sermon

Easter Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come"

Song of Response

"Father, Let Your Kingdom Come"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"He Is Lord"

*Postlude

"Our God Reigns"

*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...

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

Marcus Barnes is a patient at Silver Cross Hospital, Room 6214.

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 is recovering from surgery at Franciscan Dyer.

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: **Wayne and Joyce Deinema**, 2440 186th St., Apt. I-3, Lansing, IL 60438

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Basket Total: \$16,416.25; Online Total: \$2,320.00
Giving Total: \$18,736.25; (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.

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 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!

SERMON NOTES...

Romans 8:18-30
Easter Prayer: "Thy Kingdom Come"
Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

WE CELEBRATE TODAY the 100th birthday of Jeanette VanderVeen. You are truly a blessing to First Church. You have lived 100 years and have 10 decades of beautiful memories.

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@frsch.org) to the church office. The deadline has been extended until after our Congregational meeting on **Tuesday, May 11**.

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

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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! Next **Sunday, May 2** is our last day of Sunday School.

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 does not have one. Thank You.

Your Key Ladies, Judy Gill and Becky Wright

MAYOR'S VIRTUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST is this **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 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.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DETAILS...

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon and Trustees:

- ELDER NOMINEES: Ron Abernathy, Larry DeYoung, Clair Hoeksema, and Steve VanderWoude
- DEACON NOMINEES: Tim DeYoung, Joe Fransen, Rich Thornton, and Robert Wooley
- TRUSTEE NOMINEES: Mark Spiekhout and Don VanDeursen

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, May 11** at 7:00PM. The main purpose of the meeting will be the election of elders, deacons and trustees and any other business which rightfully comes before such a meeting. Eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age. Nursery will be provided in the Activity Center by Darcy Daly our nursery coordinator.

PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee Ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member’s signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 11. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of “yes” or “no” for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS is a packet with the minutes from the 2020 Congregational Meeting and the proposed annual budgets for 2021/2022. Please review and take this packet along with you to our annual Congregational Meeting on **Tuesday, May 11** at 7:00PM.



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STAFF...

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