

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 4, 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

Organ Prelude

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

*"All Nature Sings"*

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Worship

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

*"Come and Let Us Sing"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"Our Great Savior"*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 5

Sermon

How's Your Heart? "Looking for a Guide"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*"Behold the Lamb"*

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"Lord Dismiss Us"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

\*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

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

### **COMMUNION SUNDAY, JULY 4**

**USHERS:** Steve VanderWoude, Lucas VanderWoude, Liam VanderWoude, and Deb Woltzen

**GREETERS:** Dennis Woltzen and Gwen Adams

**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor

**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**NURSERY:** Amber Fransen and Abby Veldboom

**MUSIC TEAM:** Dacia Hill, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, and Matthew Rietveld

**WELCOME CENTER:** Gwen Adams

**COOKIE LADIES:** Gwen Adams, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Koster

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

### **MONDAY, JULY 5**

**Church Office and Family Life Day Care Closed**

### **SUNDAY, JULY 11**

**USHERS:** Deb Woltzen, Dennis Woltzen, Laurel DeGraff, and Jim DeGroot

**GREETERS:** Roger DeGraff and Lynn Hoeksema

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mykah Lett

**MUSIC TEAM:** Daniel Day, and Peter & Julia Keep

**WELCOME CENTER:** Lynn Hoeksema

**COOKIE LADIES:** Rhonda DeBok, Mary Decker, and Gerri VanBaren

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens

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

**Roger Bovenkerk** has been moved to the north building at Ingalls for rehab.

**Chinedu Akoma** had a stroke a few years ago and is still having problems with her recovery.

**Carol Housman** is recovering from hip surgery in the therapy section at Park Place.

**Dorothy Jacobsma** is recuperating at home from successful knee replacement surgery.

**Craig Nelson** continues his recovery from surgery from a torn rotator cuff.

**Celeste DeBoer** returned home and is requesting prayers for complete healing of the infection in her foot.

**Kathy Spiekhout's** back surgery has been cancelled for now. She is having physical therapy and her pain has lessened.

**Barb Rietveld** continues hospice care at home as her health is declining.

**Mary Bosman** needed surgery after falling and breaking her kneecap. She and Jim have returned to their cabin in Wisconsin. Mary is now in a full leg brace through July 8.

**Lindsay Robertson**, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, is in partial remission and has begun a new kind of chemo which hopefully will bring him to complete remission.

**Erma Davis**, sister to Leslie Buchanan and Aunt to Pastor Corey, continues her recovery at home with physical therapy.

**Christopher Nelson**, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, is starting radiation treatments soon as his non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma continues to worsen.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Viola Van Dam**, Providence Downers Grove Room 50, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

### ***SERMON NOTES...***

Psalm 5  
How's Your Heart? "Looking for a Guide"  
Rev. James Oord

### ***CHURCH LIFE...***

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the Buchanan family on the passing of Pastor Corey's brother-in-law's father this past week.

**THE CONSISTORY** is happy to announce that Dr. Anthony Bolkema will be on sabbatical from July 5 - August 15. We have been so blessed to have Anthony leading our worship and supporting our church for the past 11 years. His musical leadership and technological expertise were invaluable to us during our church's COVID-19 response. Anthony will be using his well-deserved sabbatical to reflect, study, and spend time with his family. Please continue to pray for Anthony and his family, that this would be a time of refreshment and joy.

**MISSION SUNDAY:** Next week (July 11), our service will highlight some of the Kingdom work that our church supports. Our service will be led by some of our local missionaries and include elements from some of our foreign missionaries, too. Come join us for this exciting time of celebrating what God is up to around the world.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** "First Things First" is a class for those interested in joining our church or simply learning more about who we are. This class will be offered beginning on **Sunday, July 18**, following our worship service and run for 5 weeks. Sign up at the Welcome Center, or downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, or talk to Pastor Jim.

**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:** Masks are now optional in the Sanctuary and required in the Chapel and Genesis Room. The Centers for Disease Prevention and Control along with the State of Illinois do recommend masks be worn by those who are not vaccinated. We thank the congregation for the continuing generosity, care, and understanding as we seek the good of others (I Corinthians 10:24) and love for our neighbors (Galatians 5:14).

**WELCOMING CHURCH INITIATIVE:** The deacons are hosting a special night of training focused on how to be a welcoming church on **Wednesday, July 21**, at 6:30pm. This evening will include presentations, discussion, and opportunities to sign up to be volunteer greeters. A light dinner will be provided.

**OUR NURSERY HAS REOPENED** for children up to four years of age. Darcy Daly, our Nursery Coordinator and one volunteer will be caring for our children. Through your help in this seemingly small, yet significant way, we all are fulfilling more faithfully our baptismal vows to nurture, support, uplift, and care for our children.

***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 \$42,324.94 to add to the \$82,553.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

***AREA EVENTS...***

**THE SOUTH HOLLAND HERITAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE** is looking for those interested in selling arts and/or crafts on **Monday, September 6** (Labor Day), at the Paarlberg Farm, 172<sup>nd</sup> Place and Paxton Avenue. This event attracts 500+ visitors. Space is limited, so call Lynn at 708-596-3386 for an application. The fee for a 10' x 10' space is \$20.00. Deadline for reserving a space is August 28. The festival not only includes arts and crafts, but also antiques and collectibles, musical entertainment, including the South Holland Municipal Band, food, fire department safety demonstrations for children, a magician, line dancing, tours of the Paarlberg historical house, a farmer's market, and more. The South Holland Historical Society appreciates support from the community.

***OUR GIFTS...***

**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

Basket Total: \$1,792.00; Online Total: \$1,370.00  
Giving Total: \$3,162.00; (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.



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***STAFF...***

<b>Rev. James Oord</b> <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<b>Gerri VanBaren</b> <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
<b>Pastor Corey Buchanan</b> <i>Associate Pastor</i>	<b>Steve Alexander</b> <i>Church Custodian</i>
<b>Dr. Anthony Bolkema</b> <i>Pastor of Worship &amp; Ministry</i>	<b>Jane Ackerman</b> <i>Church Accountant</i>
<b>Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed</b> <i>Pastor of Care &amp; Visitation</i>	<b>Darcy Daly</b> <i>Nursery Coordinator</i>
<b>Nyla DeGraff</b> <i>Church Administrator</i>	<b>Toni Smith</b> <i>Director of Family Life</i> <i>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' SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**