

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 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.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*How Majestic is Your Name
O Worship the King
Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

*"I Will Sing of the Mercies"
"Psalm 62"*

Prayer of Confession

Nikki Nyhanna

Song of Assurance

"Whiter Than Snow"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 7

Sermon

How's Your Heart? "Looking for Vindication"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God of Justice"

*Organ Postlude

My Tribute

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JULY 25

USHERS: Trina Taylor, Gerri VanBaren, Alison VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Caitlin Kabak, Bill Nyhanna, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

COOKIE LADIES: Joanne Hoeksema, Norma Smit, and Deb Woltzen

COFFEE SERVERS: Wybren & Kathy Oord, Ron & Shirley Scheffers, and Faye Gowens

MONDAY, JULY 26

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Caring Elders & Deacons meet in the Heritage Room

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

FRIDAY/SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JULY 30-AUGUST 1

Camping Trip/Potato Creek State Park

COMMUNION SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

USHERS: Trina Taylor, Cindy Nylen, Mike Nylen

GREETERS: Deb Oord, Gerri VanBaren

WELCOME CENTER: Celeste DeBoer, Andy DeBoer

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Aaron Taylor

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

MUSIC TEAM: Dacia Hill, and Austin Parks

NURSERY: Mary Decker and Isabella Veldboom

COOKIE LADIES: Laurel DeGraff, Barb Grevengeod, and Nikki Nyhanna

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren

CARE...

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab on the campus of Riverside Hospital.

Joanne Peterson broke her hip and will be scheduled for surgery.

Judy Brouwers has started radiation treatments near her eye five times a week for four weeks.

Roger Bovenkerk has returned home with home care.

Chinedu Akoma is recovering from eye surgery.

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

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

Celeste DeBoer is requesting prayers for complete healing of the infection in her foot.

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

Roy and Stefanie Nelson are in Mexico to complete Stefanie's application to become an American citizen.

Don Rietveld, son of Betty Paarlberg, has a serious lung disease and needs a double lung transplant, please pray he will be able to have this surgery soon.

Mary Bosman is healing well and has started physical therapy.

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, had two radiation treatments last week for his non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Barb DeWolf**, Village Woods, #514, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

SERMON NOTES...

Psalm 7
How's Your Heart? "Looking for Vindication"
Rev. James Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, and well wishes after my hand surgery. All is well!
– Larry DeYoung

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Howard Taylor on the passing of Howard's mom, Mondean Taylor, on Monday, July 19.

FROM CONSISTORY: Dr. Anthony Bolkema continues his sabbatical till August 15. Please continue to pray for Anthony and his family, that this would be a time of refreshment and joy.

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 continues at the parsonage, following our worship service and runs for four more weeks. If you should have any questions, please talk to Pastor Jim.

OUR CHURCH PICNIC is scheduled for **Sunday, August 29** from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Last names beginning with **A–I** make a **SALAD** to share; **J–Z** make a **DESSERT** to share. Our main course will be catered in. There will be games and activities for all ages. More details will be coming. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or the Fellowship Hall after our morning service.



STEVE GREEN IN CONCERT AT FIRST CHURCH: Mark your calendars! **Saturday, September 18.** Christian recording artist **Steve Green** will be performing a live concert here at First Reformed Church. Steve's Grammy-nominated music has been inspiring and uplifting Christians around the world for over 30 years with songs like "People Need the Lord," "Find Us Faithful," and "God and God Alone." Come join us for a powerful night of praise to our God to benefit PASS in their work to help women and the yet-to-be born. Reserve a seat online on our website announcement page. Reservations are required to ensure your seat. An offering will be taken at the concert. Suggested minimum donation is \$15 per person to cover concert costs. All proceeds go to PASS. Doors open at 6:00pm and the concert begins at 7:00pm.

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, 172nd 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.

HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S DUTCH FESTIVAL A SUCCESS! Mark your calendar now for this year's special 25th Annual Elim Dutch Festival which will be held in person on **Saturday, September 25**. Please also share your giftedness to support the children and adults with disabilities served by Elim. Donations of new handmade craft items for this event are being welcomed now through September. Homemade baked goods will be accepted the week of the event. Q's? Contact Laura at 708-293-6509 or laura.schnyders@elimcs.org. Thank you!

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Basket Total: \$8,887.50; Special Projects: \$300.00

Online Total: \$1,700.00; Giving Total: \$10,887.50 (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...

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 Grevengeod <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' SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday