

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 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

"Praise You, I Will Praise You"

"Whole-Hearted Thanksgiving to Thee I Will Bring"

"God of Grace"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

*Congregational Worship

"Great is the Lord"

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 9 and *"The Hope of the Poor"*

Sermon How's Your Heart: "At the Intersection of Thanksgiving and Affliction" (1)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Trina Taylor

Offertory

"Trust Medley"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God of Justice"

*Organ Postlude

"Psalm 9"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

USHERS: Mike Nylén, Deb Oord, and Don VanBaren

GREETERS: Raylene Oord and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Trina Taylor and Deb Woltzen

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Brittany Paarlberg

COFFEE SERVERS: Colin & Geni Cutler and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

COOKIE LADIES: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Alison VanderWoude

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:30PM: Elders and Deacons meet

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00 – 8:30PM: OASIS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

USHERS: Steve VanderWoude, Lucas VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

GREETERS: Robert Wooley and Allison VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylén and Celeste DeBoer

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Calvin Handoko, Julia Keep, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE LADIES: Diana Abernathy, Kathy Rhodes and Merley Verhagen

CARE...

Roger Gill has returned home from the hospital.

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab at Heritage Woods in Manteno.

Joanne Peterson broke her hip. She is recovering from surgery and is in rehab.

Judy Brouwers has completed her radiation treatments near her eye.

Roger Bovenkerk has returned home with home care.

Chinedu Akoma is recovering from eye surgery.

Craig Nelson is recovering from knee surgery.

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.

Anna Mae Groeneveld had a bad fall and injured her hand. Pray for complete healing.

Don Rietveld, son of Betty Paarlberg, has a serious lung disease and needs a double lung transplant.

Mary Bosman continues with her 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.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, is being monitored and will have another PET scan in the future to see if the radiation has helped.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Diane Snyder**, 774 East 164th Street, South Holland, IL 60473

SERMON NOTES...

Psalm 9

How's Your Heart: "At the Intersection of Thanksgiving and Affliction" (1)

Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

THE BUCHANAN FAMILY would like to thank everyone for their phone calls, text messages, and cards during the recovery of Erma Davis.

VIOLA VAN DAM would like to thank you for the many birthday cards she received, they were so appreciated.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH is looking for volunteers to join us at our vocational school on **Saturday, August 21** from 9:00am - noon or **Friday, August 27** from 11:00am – 2:00pm to help beautify and prepare the school grounds for the Roger Hommes Welding Program Dedication. Volunteers will help with cleaning, planting, easy painting, and more. Anyone interested, please email CPO at office@cpoministries.org or talk to Pastor Corey Buchanan.

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 shredded chicken and beef sandwiches. 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.

PLEASE JOIN US as The First Church Ladies' Bible Study will begin its new season on **Tuesday, September 28th**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This year we will be using the DVD study by Priscilla Shirer entitled, "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks." The study guide will cost \$18.00. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by September 7 if you want to be a part of this exciting and inspirational Bible Study. Hope you can attend!

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Basket Total: \$11,360.00; Special Offering: \$2,000.00

Online Total: \$1,465.00

Giving Total: \$14,928.35

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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are in your mail slots! Please take home and put in your binders. If you need a new binder, there is a table set-up in the Fellowship Hall next to the Welcome Center where you can pick one up this morning.

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 \$39,824.94 to add to the \$85,053.46 that has been raised thus far. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

AREA EVENTS...

VOLUNTEER at the 25th Annual Elim Dutch Festival on **Saturday, September 25**. Volunteers are needed for the Children’s Games/Trains/Pong Rides, Bag Check, Food Court, Clean-Up, and more! Serve from 8:30am–12:30pm, noon–4pm, or 4–6pm and help make this annual event a success. The Dutch Festival is held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services in Crestwood, IL, with all proceeds blessing the students and adults with disabilities that Elim serves. Be sure to also enjoy the great food, shopping, entertainments, and farmer’s market before or after you volunteer! Contact Geena to learn more or to sign-up (708-293-3678 or geena.calomino@elimcsorg).

THE WOMEN’S SERVICE LEAGUE OF BETHSHAN ASSOCIATION works once a year to fund special projects to assist in serving their residents who have developmental disabilities. There is information in your mailboxes regarding Bethshan’s project to remodel and redecorate some of the Bethshan I building after being quarantined for many months during the pandemic. Please consider how you may be able to support this valuable ministry. Any questions, please call Judy Gill.

ON SEPTEMBER 25, BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS host a conference for you called Spreading the Fragrance of Life. You will be enriched with spiritual encouragement and joyful fellowship. Dr. Lynn Wilder, former Mormon now Bible-believing Christian, will be the keynote speaker. The registration cost is \$20. Sign up online at bibleleague.org/tickets today.



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Rev. James Oord <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Gerri VanBaren <i>Administrative Assistant</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