

FIRST **REFORMED** CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 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 to the Lord, the Almighty"

"He Leadeth Me"

"I've Been in the Storm So Long"

"The Everlasting Arms"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Call to Worship

*Congregational Worship

"Tell His Praise in Song and Story"

"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 10

Sermon How's Your Heart: "At the Intersection of Thanksgiving and Affliction" (2)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God of Justice"

*Organ Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

USHERS: Steve VanderWoude, Lucas VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

GREETERS: Robert Wooley and Alison 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: Sara Jabaay and Izzy Veldboom

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

COOKIE LADIES: Diana Abernathy, Kathy Rhodes, and Merley Verhagen

CHURCH PICNIC: 5:00-7:00PM in the Activity Center

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

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

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

USHERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff, and Jim DeGroot

GREETERS: Cindy & Mike Nylén

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Oord and Trina Taylor

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rachel Wooley

COFFEE SERVERS: Mike & Cindy Nylén and Griff & Mary Decker

COOKIE LADIES: Gwen Adams, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Decker

CARE...

Roger Gill is recovering at home and building up his strength.

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab at Heritage Woods in Manteno.

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

Roger Bovenkerk has returned home with 24-hour care.

Chinedu Akoma is recovering from eye surgery.

Craig Nelson is recovering from knee surgery.

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.

Chad and Dara VandenBosch, our missionaries in Mozambique, need our prayers as the process of adopting Zinha has had many setbacks.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Mary Thompson**, 16418 S. Dobson Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

SERMON NOTES...

Psalm 10

How's Your Heart: "At the Intersection of Thanksgiving and Affliction" (2)

Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Roger and Loretta Bovenkerk who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Wednesday, August 25.

REMINDER: Our church picnic is scheduled for tonight, **Sunday, August 29** from 5:00 – 7:00pm (note change in time). Last names beginning with **A–I** make a **SALAD** to share; **J–Z** make a **DESSERT** to share. Serving utensils will be provided.

WELCOMING CHURCH TEAM: If you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings by joining our dedicated team of ushers, greeters, and Welcome Center volunteers, sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or downstairs. It's a great way to interact with members and visitors and be an extension of the smiling face of our congregation.

COMMUNION SUNDAY: Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, September 12, instead of our usual practice of celebrating on the first Sunday of the month.

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!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are in your mail slots! Please take home and put in your binders. If you need a new binder, there are extras on the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH OFFICE AND FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN DAY CARE will be closed on **Monday, September 6** in the celebration of Labor Day.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Basket Total: \$4,082.25; Online Total: \$1,875.00

Giving Total: \$5,957.25 (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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 \$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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STAFF...

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