

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Communion Sunday, September 12, 2021



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

### 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.

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Communion Sunday, September 12, 2021

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"God of Grace & God of Glory"*

*"Be Still My Soul"*

*"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Worship

*"Sing Praise to the Father"*

*"Christ is Risen"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

II Timothy 2:8-13

Sermon

First Things First: "What is the Gospel?"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"*

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

*"Simple Gifts"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"God Be With You"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"All Hail King Jesus"*

\*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us outdoors after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

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

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**USHERS:** Don DeGraff, Lucas VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

**GREETERS:** Steve & Alison VanderWoude

**WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff and Raylene Oord

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley

**ORGAN:** Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

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

**COOKIE LADIES:** Rhonda DeBok, Nyla DeGraff, and Mary Koster

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**7:00AM:** Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

**6:00PM:** Fellowship & Planning & Events (F-PEC) meets in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Music Team meets

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**7:00PM:** Diversity in Action (DNA) meets in the Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**10:00AM:** Chicagoland Prison Outreach graduation in the Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**7:00PM:** Steve Green Concert in the sanctuary (see announcement)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**USHERS:** Dennis Woltzen, Andy DeBoer, and Don DeGraff

**GREETERS:** Raylene Oord and Nyla DeGraff

**WELCOME CENTER:** Debbie Woltzen and Celeste DeBoer

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** Dacia Hill, Matthew Rietveld, Nate Krygsheld, and Kevin Hesselink

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

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Nyla DeGraff

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

**COOKIE LADIES:** Gail Housman, Norma Smit and Gerri VanBaren

## *CARE...*

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of Claude and Sharon Brooks on the passing of Sharon's father, Henry Amos, on September 7. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11:00am here in the sanctuary.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is also extended to Pastor Corey and Tiffany Buchanan on the passing of Tiffany's grandfather, Ernest Woods.

**Celeste DeBoer** has out-patient skin graft surgery scheduled for Friday, September 17, on her foot. Please pray that this will be a successful last step in dealing with the foot infection that began in April.

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

**Margene Paarlberg** did spend a few days at Riverside Hospital but is back in rehab now at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

**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.

**Norm Veldboom**, Rick's father, has returned home from the hospital.

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

Debbie Woltzen's cousin, **Ron Schultz** who lives in Arizona, has COVID-related pneumonia and is starting to do better but remains in the hospital.

**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:** Jeanette VanDerVeen, 15648 Drexel Ave., Dolton IL 60419

## *OUR GIFTS...*

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Basket Total: \$4,478.25; Online Total: \$2,564.00

Special Offering: \$50.00; Gift & Memorial: Barb Rietveld, \$25.00

Giving Total: \$7,117.25; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

### *SERMON NOTES...*

II Timothy 2:8-13  
First Things First: "What is the Gospel?"  
Rev. James Oord

### *CHURCH LIFE...*

**OASIS** meets tonight from 6:30 – 8:00PM in the Activity Center and behind church (weather permitting).

**WHEELCHAIR WORSHIP SPACES:** The Consistory and Board of Trustees have approved the creation of additional spaces for worshippers in wheelchairs. Two zones off of the north aisle and two zones off of the south aisle now allow for more accessible seating. The church would like to thank Rich Thornton for his work in reshaping pews and completing this important project.

**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.

**PLEASE JOIN US** as the First Church Ladies' Bible Study will begin its new season on **Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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 if you want to be a part of this exciting and inspirational Bible Study. Hope you can attend!



**STEVE GREEN IN CONCERT AT FIRST CHURCH:** Not too late to sign up! On **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.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

Sunday School starts today! All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word. Sunday School runs from 11:00am – noon.

- All children from preschool to fifth grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there (3 - 4-year-olds – Elisha Room (behind the Heritage Room); K – 2nd grade – Library; 3rd – 5th grade – Genesis Room.)
- The 6th – 8th graders will meet in the Heritage Room. The high schoolers will meet in the Loft.
- Our adult class will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am.
- Need help finding a class? Ask at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

## AREA EVENTS...

**THE 25TH ANNUAL ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL** is on **Saturday, September 25!** Join us for this special 25<sup>th</sup> celebration! Held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Crestwood, IL), the Dutch Festival is fun for all ages. Enjoy the pannekoek (pancake) breakfast (7:30-10 am) as well as Dutch shops, farmers market, great entertainment, and delicious food (8 am - 4 pm). Free admission, parking, and shuttle. All proceeds directly impact the children and adults of Elim. For more information, call 708-293-6509 or visit [www.elimcs.org](http://www.elimcs.org).

**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](http://bibleleague.org/tickets) today.



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## STAFF...

**Rev. James Oord**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Dr. Anthony Bolkema**  
*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Toni Smith**  
*Director of Family Life  
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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**