

FIRST **REFORMED** CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 10, 2021



Welcome...

The season from Pentecost through the start of Advent is called "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time falls in the growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, and it's a time to celebrate the way God's Kingdom grows in big ways and small ways. What is your "ordinary?" What are the everyday celebrations and struggles you take with you this morning? What questions are scrawled on the pages of your life? God meets us in our "ordinaries" and leads us into something extraordinary: He creates a community from the disparate; He centers voices from the margins; He changes patterns of self-serving into habits of service; He challenges division with the diversity and unity of his family; He channels the mercy and grace of Christ into your life and into our world. This is the "ordinary" work of the Church. Come, join us in this extraordinary life we live together.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

Festive Prelude on "Built on the Rock"
"Let Us Plead for Faith Alone"
"The Solid Rock"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"
"You Never Let Go"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Christ the Sure & Steady Anchor"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:1-4

Sermon

To Proclaim Good News: "So That You May Know with Certainty"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God Be With You"

*Organ Postlude

"A Joyful Noise"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments.

CARE...

Celeste DeBoer was admitted to Ingalls Hospital Monday night for her recurring infection in her foot. They are doing IV therapy to help fight this infection.

Mark Spiekhout is recuperating from back surgery he had Thursday, October 7 at Northwestern Hospital.

Merley Verhagen is scheduled for a procedure on Tuesday, October 12, to remove a large kidney stone and will have a temporary stent put in.

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.

Bob Brink is scheduled for eye surgery this Tuesday October 12. Cards can be sent to him at the Tibstra House, 271 E. 161st Street, South Holland, IL 60473

Carolyn Anderson, mother of Toni Smith our Director of Family Life, has serious health issues and has been in the hospital for two weeks.

Don Rietveld, son of Betty Paarlberg, has been approved for a double lung transplant. Pray that a donor will be found soon.

Debbie Woltzen's cousin, **Ron Schultz** who lives in Arizona, had COVID-related pneumonia and is doing better. He is out of the hospital and in rehab.

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.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Doris Boomsma, Village Woods, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 3, 2021

Basket Total: \$5,277.50; Online Total: \$1,740.00

Giving Total \$7,017.50; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today! All ages 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.

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will next meet this **Tuesday, October 12**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the homework from Session 1, "A Proactive Stance of Obedience," p. 9-31 in your study guide. Hope to see you there!

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2021...



LET'S REACH OUR GOAL!

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

tithe 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 \$35,324.94 to add to the \$89,553.46 that has been raised thus far. For more information or with any questions please see Jim DeGroot, Elder VP, or Robert Wooley, Deacon Chairman. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

USHERS: Jim DeGroot, Keith Durkin, and Rodger Norris

GREETERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen; **WELCOME CENTER:** Don & Gerri VanBaren

MUSIC TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Calvin Handoko, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Rachel Wooley

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mykah Lett

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

COOKIE LADIES: Grace Jacobsma, Raylene Oord, and Chandra Ondrejka

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

(Family Life Day Care closed)

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: O-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: DNA meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:00AM: Chicagoland Prison Outreach Graduation in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Learning Team meets in the Genesis Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

USHERS: Trina Taylor, Deb Oord, and Dennis Woltzen

GREETERS: Raylene Oord and Steve VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen and Alison VanderWoude

MUSIC TEAM: Dacia Hill, Nate Housman, Peter Keep, and Matthew Rietveld

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

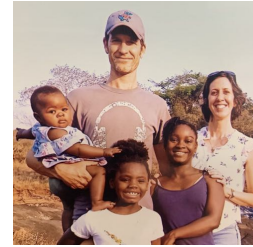
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

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

COOKIE LADIES: Mary Paulton, Alison VanderWoude, and Rachel Wooley

CHURCH LIFE...



DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST REFORMED OF SOUTH HOLLAND!

Love from Mozambique. Our family wants to thank you for your love, support, and prayers. We've so enjoyed worshipping online with you the last couple years. We can't wait to be with you in person.

Much love, Chad, Dara, & girls Vanden Bosch

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE that Anita Decker-Steenbergen will be celebrating her 90th birthday tomorrow, Monday, October 11. We are so thankful for Anita's many years of service to First Church and that she is again back with us in membership.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Chairman, Robert Wooley.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: Meet the Learning Team. This committee is made up of 11 members of our church. Their goal is to implement programs that allow members of our church to grow and mature in their knowledge of Jesus and his Word. Their biggest projects are working on our Sunday School and Catechism classes and providing support to our Formation Group ministries. Their next meeting is Wednesday (October 13) so be in prayer for their work. For more details (or to sign up for a Formation Group), talk to their chairperson, Rev. James Oord.

A TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION for Ton Memorial Garden that is located on the right as you enter our church parking lot, is scheduled for **Saturday, October 16** from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Join in on the celebration.

TRUNK N' TREAT is **Saturday, October 30** from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall and if you could volunteer your decorated car trunk, please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.



WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2021 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

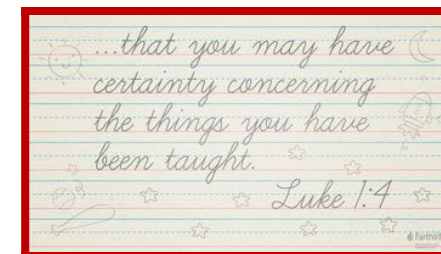
All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to Open Access who

will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Please call the church office with any questions. Your donations can be dropped off at our Welcome Centers.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: This year, **October 31** falls on a Sunday. October 31 is sometimes viewed as the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a 500+ year movement in church history that we are still a part of. To celebrate, we are welcoming Dr. Felix Theonugraha to our pulpit as a voice well-versed in Reformation history who is also becoming recognized as an exciting and refreshing voice in the future of the Reformed Church. Dr. Theonugraha is President of Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next First Wednesday Fellowship is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 3**. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make your favorite soups for this evening of fellowship. Please sign-up at the welcome centers. You will also enjoy a 'build your own salad bar' and some delicious desserts.

DNA MOVIE NIGHT: The Diversity In Action (DNA) Team is hosting a movie night on **Sunday, November 14**, from 4:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 2019 film *The Best of Enemies* is a powerful depiction of the themes of diversity and reconciliation and is a springboard to many helpful discussions. The film is based on true events and rated PG-13 for its historically accurate depictions of hate-fueled actions and language. The DNA team is asking for that age recommendation to be respected (13-and-older) and for all those who are coming to use appropriate discretion as they sign up. We will view the movie, discuss some of its themes, and enjoy fellowship.



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