

FIRST **REFORMED** CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 17, 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	Steve DeVries
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i> <i>"Cornerstone"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"O Praise the Name"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading	Luke 1:5-25
Sermon	To Proclaim Good News: "Rid of My Disgrace"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Barb Grevengoed
Offertory	Steve DeVries
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"God Be with You"</i>
*Organ Postlude	Steve DeVries

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CARE...

Celeste DeBoer has returned home from the hospital and is on a new antibiotic to fight the recurring infection in her foot.

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

Merley Verhagen is recovering from a procedure she had on Tuesday, October 12, to remove a large kidney stone and, also a temporary stent put in.

Nick Paarlberg is recovering from foot surgery he had on Thursday, October 14.

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

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

Bob Brink is recovering from eye surgery he had on 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 10, 2021

Basket Total: \$4,387.00; Online Total: \$4,247.00

Giving Total \$8,634.00; (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 FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will next meet on **Tuesday, October 26**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing Video 2, "The Holy Spirit" from our study of Priscilla Shirer's "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks".

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 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 \$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 17

USHERS: Trina Taylor, Deb Oord, and Dennis Woltzen

GREETERS: Don and Nyla DeGraff

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: Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00PM: Family Life Board meeting in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

USHERS: Lucas VanderWoude, Liam VanderWoude, and Robert Wooley

GREETERS: Raylene Oord and Steve VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Andy & Celeste DeBoer

MUSIC TEAM: Pastor Anthony Bolkema and Joe Fransen

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE LADIES: Diana Abernathy, Felicia Flowers, and Amber Fransen

CHURCH LIFE...

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 our Weed & Feed Team. This is a team of volunteers who work closely with our trustees to take care of the outside of the church. They meet every Wednesday to trim the trees, care for flower beds, and keep our church campus looking beautiful. It's just about time for all the Autumn chores, so keep this dedicated group in your prayers and make sure to thank them for their excellent work! For more details (or to volunteer to help out), talk to their leader, Charlie Dix.

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.

FORMATION GROUPS: Many of our members have been greatly blessed by their participation in a small group over the last year. This Fall, we are re-launching this important ministry meeting on Wednesday nights, so if you have not been a part of a small group, contact the church office to sign up.

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!



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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