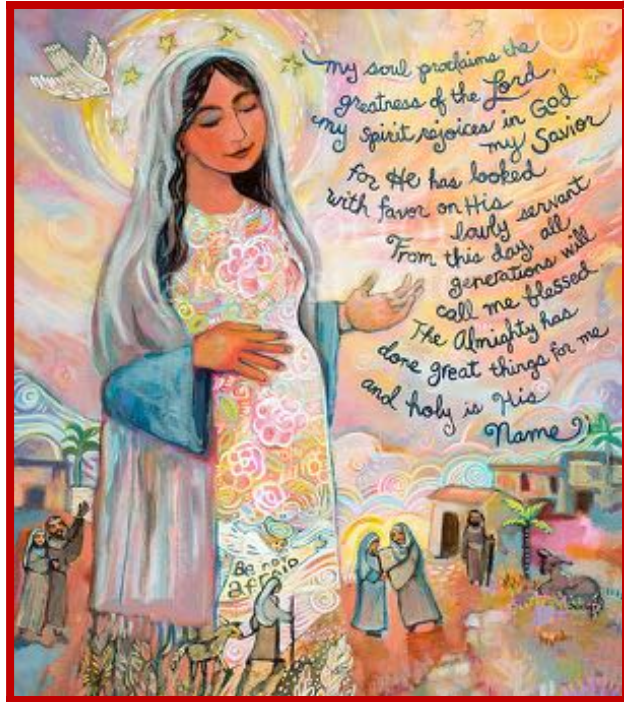


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, November 14, 2021



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	Joanne Hoeksema
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Let the Whole Creation Cry"</i> <i>"You Deserve It"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor James Oord
Song of Assurance	<i>"We Will Feast"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 1:46-56
Sermon	To Proclaim Good News: "Magnificat"
Song of Response	<i>"Magnificat"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Cindy Nylen
Offertory	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"God Be With You"</i>
*Organ Postlude	Joanne Hoeksema
*Those who are able please stand.	

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

CARE...

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Janet Detmar, who passed away Monday, November 8. Visitation is Monday, November 15, at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, from 9:00-11:00am. The service will follow the visitation at 11:00am. Followed by a private interment at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Craig Nelson recently found out he has an enlarged heart and had an echocardiogram last week. He is waiting for test results.

Lenora Anker is in hospice care at Beecher Manor.

Roger Bovenkerk has returned home from the hospital.

Celeste DeBoer continues in Ingalls Hospital.

Sherry Gouwens is recuperating at home from knee replacement surgery.

Bev VanDommelen will be undergoing a needed back surgery in February to address numbness and a compressed spine.

Margene Paarlberg is in rehab at Riverside Miller in Kankakee.

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

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.

Jean Schultz, Deb Woltzen's mother, has been able to leave the hospital and is now at Park Place in St. John, Faith House for rehab, Room 10.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer #221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Basket Total: \$7,907.25; Online Total: \$4,361.00

Giving Total \$ 12,268.25

(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 meet on **Tuesday, November 30**, (please note this is the 5th Tuesday) at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch video 3, "The Holy Spirit's Voice" 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 \$34,324.94 to add to the \$90,553.46 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, NOVEMBER 14

USHERS: Don DeGraff, Steve VanderWoude, and Robert Wooley
GREETERS: Alison VanderWoude and Dennis Woltzen
WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff and Deb Woltzen
MUSIC TEAM: Nate Housman, Nate Krygsheld, Nikki Nyhanna, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Trina Taylor; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rachel Wooley
COFFEE SERVERS: Wybren & Kathy Oord, and Faye Gowens
COOKIE LADIES: Gail Housman, Mary Decker, and Nyla DeGraff

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:30AM: Quilters & Knitters meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: Mission meeting in the Heritage Room
6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:00AM: First Impressions meets in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00AM – 12:30PM: OASIS Service Project at Open Access

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

USHERS: Keith Durkin, Mike Nylen, and Deb Oord
GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Rodger Norris
WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylen and Raylene Oord
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Austin Parks, Matthew Rietveld, & Rachel Wooley
PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Ron & Shirley Scheffers and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
COOKIE LADIES: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Paulton, and Gerri VanBaren

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for all the cards, prayers, and phone calls during my recent foot surgery. My recovery is going well.
– Nick Paarlberg

THANK YOU for all the prayers that were sent up for my cousin Ron Schultz, he is doing well and has been able to return home fully recovered from his recent hospitalization in Arizona due to complications from Covid. Ron says thanks to all of you, God has been so good.
– Deb Woltzen

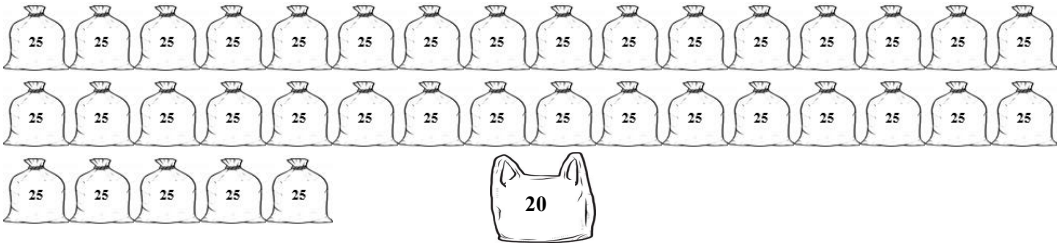
NEXT SUNDAY, November 21, we hope to celebrate with Viola VanDam and her family Viola’s 101st birthday, which happened in August of this year. We are continuing to work with her living facility to navigate their COVID policies to allow her to join us for worship. If this is possible, her family will provide cake and refreshments for the congregation in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHT: Meet O-PEC, which stands for the "Outreach Planning/Events Committee." Their goal is to organize events and programs where our church members can share the love of Jesus with our community. Right now, they're working on developing relationships with our local school districts. They are also working on meal deliveries and organizing a job fair in 2022. They would love more help, so if you have questions or would like to join them, speak to their chairperson, Pastor Corey Buchanan.



2021 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE

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. **55 boxes of stuffing to go!**



DNA MOVIE NIGHT: The Diversity In Action (DNA) Team is hosting a movie **tonight**, 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.

FIRST CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY will be distributing Thanksgiving Blessing Boxes on **Saturday, November 20** from 2:00-3:00pm. We are looking for volunteers to help pass out the meals. Please sign up at our welcome centers.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will be getting our church ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons on **Saturday, November 27**. If you are willing to come help for an hour or two, please speak to Cindy Nylen.

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall now with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Take an angel from the tree and **PRINT** your name and phone# on the angel list on the table. Buy the gift listed on your angel and return it by Thanksgiving. On your gift attach the angel (use it for the name tag and you can put your name as giver if you like.) Wrap the gift as securely as possible as it is handled many times getting to its destination. Please spend a minimum of \$10.00 on your gift as this may be the only present your “angel” will receive. If you are uncomfortable or cannot make it in to get a tag from the tree, please call Noreen (708-752-6706) and she will let you know what is available to pick from. Also, some gifts requested are expensive (ex. coats) so feel free to go together with another family. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our next Fellowship night is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 1**. It’s called **FIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY**. You will not want to miss this event! If you are willing to share your favorite pasta dish (and soon to be ours 😊), please sign-up at the welcome centers.



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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