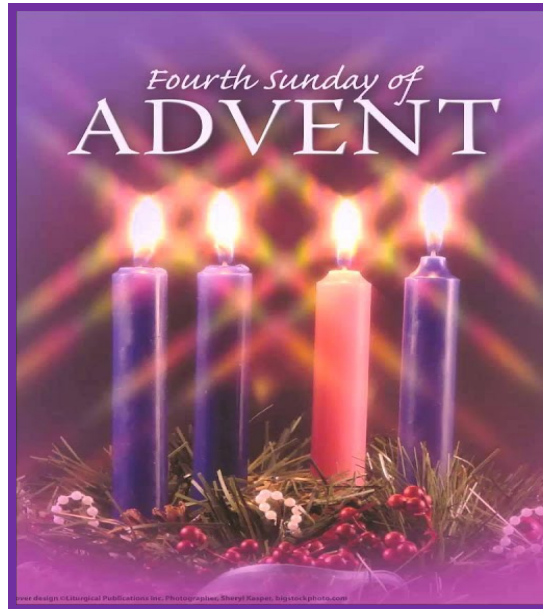


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND

December 19, 2021



Welcome...

Advent, which means "the coming," is a time when we wait expectantly for the celebration of Jesus' First Coming at Christmas. For Christians in the Northern Hemisphere, Advent comes at the coldest and darkest time of the year.

During Advent....

- ✚ *we light candles each Sunday to remind us that darkness doesn't last forever,*
- ✚ *we sing carols of hope and joy to remind us that our tears do not define us,*
- ✚ *we share the warmth of Christian fellowship to remind us that loneliness will not last, and*
- ✚ *we wait, we work, we pray, we anticipate, we gather, always knowing the good news that Jesus is coming to make things right and end all sorrow.*

Come wait with us. Our doors are open to all who need hope, light, and good news.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 19, 2021

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"See Amid the Winter's Snow"
"Angels We Have Heard On High"
"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Processional Hymn

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Toni Smith & Aniyah Oord

Closing

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Hark! The Herald Angels"
"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance/Response/Preparation

"Silent Night (Emmanuel)"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 2:1-14

Sermon

"Luke: To Proclaim Good News - The Angels' Song"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Larry DeYoung

Offertory

*Doxology

"What Child Is This?"

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Organ Postlude

"Ere zij God (Glory to God)"

*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 Deb & Dennis Woltzen, on the passing of Deb's mother, Jean Schultz, on Tuesday, December 14. Visitation is Monday, December 20 from 10:00am to noon with funeral beginning at noon at First PCA Church, 3134 Ridge Road, Lansing, IL.

Abby Veldboom is home recovering from knee surgery she had this past Wednesday to rebuild her ACL and repair a torn meniscus.

Betty Paarlberg is experiencing a lot of pain from a fractured vertebra.

Craig Nelson recently found out he has an enlarged heart and after receiving test results from an echocardiogram will now be having an angiogram.

Barry Voss is recuperating from cataract surgery on one eye and will be having surgery on his other eye in two weeks.

Lenora Anker is in hospice care at Beecher Manor.

Celeste DeBoer has returned home from the hospital.

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

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, has his different blood chemistry levels holding in the normal range. His chemo will continue, and he is tolerating it well. Pray this progress will continue.

Felicia Flowers' mother, **Lula Brown** was diagnosed with breast cancer.

Olivia Morin has been found. Please pray for mercy, peace and love for Rob, a roommate of Michael Spitz, and for Olivia and family.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, Village Woods, Room 204, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

ON DUTY TODAY:

First Emergency: Trina Taylor; First Security: Keith Durkin

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. Sunday School will be taking a Christmas break on Sundays, December 26 and January 2. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 9.

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!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

VETERANS PARK LIGHT DISPLAY: The Christmas lights at Veterans Memorial Park are now aglow! The spectacular light display will shine every night between now and January 3, 2022. Make sure to stop by and take a stroll!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION will be held on **Saturday, January 15** at the Spirit of God Fellowship at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to attend! This celebration honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with song and scripture.

REMINDERS...

FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP! On **Wednesday, January 5**, we will be hosting a Taco Night in our Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00pm. Come join us for a fun post-holiday meal with your church family! Sign up online or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. If your last name begins with A-I, bring a drink to share, if your last name starts with J-Z, bring a dessert to share.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

USHER: Mike Nylén; **GREETERS:** Deb Oord and Kathy Oord
WELCOME CENTER: Wybren Oord and Trina Taylor
MUSIC TEAM: Dacia Hill, Julia Keep, Addie Larsen, Bill Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker
COOKIE LADIES: Grace Jacobsma, Sherry Norris, and Rachel Wooley
6:30PM: OASIS Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal
Family Life Day Care Closed through December 31

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00PM: Advent Service in the Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Church Office Closed

11:00PM: Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

USHER: Mike Spitz; **GREETERS:** Raylene Oord and Alison VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Don & Gerri VanBaren
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin
COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema
COOKIE LADIES: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Alison VanderWoude

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 2:1-14

“Luke: To Proclaim Good News - The Angels’ Song”

Rev. James Oord

WORSHIP...

TODAY is the 4th week of Advent, the season where the church waits and prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. Advent is followed by the season of Christmas, where we celebrate the fulfillment of God's promises in the coming of Jesus. There are so many exciting opportunities to participate in this time of year.

Our Wednesday Advent Services will conclude this Wednesday, December 22 with a service in the Chapel

- ✚ Wednesday, December 22: Evening Prayer (a quiet and contemplative service as we prepare for the busyness of the holidays).
- ✚ Friday, December 24, join us for our **Christmas Eve Service** at 11:00pm. This service is always a highlight of the year, as we stay up and greet Christmas Day with carols, candlelight, and worship. The front doors and the Fellowship Hall (organ door) will be the only doors unlocked for the Christmas Eve Service.

OUR ANNUAL TOLLING OF THE BELLS SERVICE will be **Sunday, January 2**. We look forward to hearing the bell toll for the loved ones who have gone on to glory this past year and the young ones who have been baptized.

OUR GIFTS...

Thanksgiving Eve, November 24

Chicagoland Prison Outreach: \$970.00
Restoration Ministries: \$905.00
Roseland Christian Services: \$600.00
Total: \$2,475.00

Sunday, November 28

Basket Total: \$5,882.78
Online Total: \$1,640
Special Offering: \$300
Giving Total: \$7,822.78

Sunday, December 5

Basket Total: \$9,125.25
Online Total: \$4,120.00
Special Offering: \$1,020.00
Giving Total: \$14,265.25

Sunday, December 12

Basket Total: \$7,225.00
Online Total: \$1,940.00
Giving Total: \$9,474.00



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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