

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022



Welcome...

The 12 Days of Christmas run from when we gather late on Christmas Eve all the way through January 6. This is a season of joy, wonder, and light; feasting, celebrating, and relishing the gift of Christ to the world. The Christmas story is about Jesus coming to unexpected places and gathering unexpected people to come and worship - dirty shepherds, foreign stargazers, a teenage mother, and the people you find in the pews around you. Whether this is your first Christmas season here at First Church or your eighty-first, we are so happy you have come to join us. We are celebrating that God is with us and we are glad you're here to share that good news, too.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS  
Communion Sunday, January 2, 2022

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"God Is Here"*

*"Let It Rise"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

*"In Christ Alone"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Revelation 7

Sermon

"These Are They"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*"Stronger"*

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

Joanne Hoeksema

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"God Is Here"*

\*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...***

**Doris Boomsma** has been able to return home from the hospital. She had a procedure done last week to help with her enlarged heart.

**Betty Paarlberg** has been able to leave the Community Stroke & Rehabilitation Center in Crown Point and continues her recuperation from breaking a vertebra and developing water on the heart.

**Abby Veldboom** has started physical therapy after having knee surgery December 15 to rebuild her ACL and repair a torn meniscus.

**Craig Nelson** had an angiogram last week and then had a stent put in. He is scheduled to see doctor again in two weeks.

**Lenora Anker** is in hospice care at Beecher Manor.

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

**Don Rietveld**, son of Betty Paarlberg, continues in Loyola Hospital for about a month. He was notified that a lung was ready, but it turned out it was not a good lung. He continues to wait for a match while being on oxygen.

**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. She is awaiting treatment plans.

**Alice DeBoer**, Andy's mother, fell and sustained a compound fracture of her elbow and broke the two bones above the elbow, she had to have surgery. Please pray for her and the family and the medical personnel regarding further treatment and care.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Barb DeWolf, Village Woods Room 514, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

### **ON DUTY TODAY:**

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Rich Thornton

## ***OUR GIFTS...***

### **Sunday, December 26**

Basket Total: \$12,619.00

Online Total: \$7,015.00

Giving Total: \$19,634.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250)

## ***REMINDERS...***

**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!

**PLEASE CONTACT** the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

## ***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!  
for your generous support!

*UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 -TOLLING OF THE BELLS

**USHER:** Lucas VanderWoude  
**GREETERS:** Steve VanderWoude and Dennis Woltzen  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen and Liam VanderWoude  
**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor  
**VIDEO:** Mike Decker  
**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Griff & Mary Decker and Mike & Cindy Nylen  
**COOKIE LADIES:** Gwen Adams, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Decker

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

**6:00PM:** F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

**6:00PM:** First Wednesday Fellowship Taco Night in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

**USHER:** Robert Wooley  
**GREETERS:** Don DeGraff and Jim DeGroot  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff and Keith Durkin  
**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers  
**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers  
**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink  
**ORGAN:**  
**PIANO:**  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mykah Lett  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Wybren & Kathy Oord and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

*SERMON NOTES...*

Revelation 7  
“These Are They”  
Rev. Jim Oord

## ***CHURCH LIFE...***

**IT IS VERY DIFFICULT** for Andy and I to fully express how grateful we are for the many acts of kindness and most importantly, prayers on our behalf from our First Church family and staff during the past months. We have appreciated seeing and feeling the hands and feet of Jesus through all of you. This health journey with the infected foot and now, dialysis, will continue for at least the next couple of months. We covet your prayers for healing and acceptance of the changes in our life yet to come. We know God has a purpose in all our daily lives and we need to respond with “To God be the Glory!” - Andy & Celeste DeBoer

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY:** All classes will resume next **Sunday, January 9.**

**OUR ANNUAL TOLLING OF THE BELLS SERVICE** is today. We will be hearing the bell toll for the loved ones who have gone on to glory this past year and lighting a candle for the those who have been baptized.

**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!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Bowling Night is **Sunday, January 9** from 4:00-600pm Lan Oak Lanes in Lansing, Illinois. Cost is \$10/person for two hours of bowling plus shoe rental. Spectators (non-bowlers) are free. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers.

**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.

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will meet on **Tuesday, January 11** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. We will be watching Video 4, “Reflective of His Heart” from our study of Priscilla Shirer’s “Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks.” Hope to see you there.



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## ***STAFF...***

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*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

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

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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**