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FIRST **REFORMED** CHURCH  
OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 9, 2022



**Welcome...**

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;  
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;  
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;  
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;  
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;  
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;  
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;  
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.  
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

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Sunday, January 9, 2022

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Organ Prelude

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*  
*"Now May Thy Servant, Lord"*  
*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*  
*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Worship

*"As With Gladness Men of Old"*  
*"For Unto Us a Child Is Born"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture

Luke 2:21-35

Sermon

To Proclaim Good News: "Nunc Dimittis"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"As With Gladness Men of Old"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Who Is He In Yonder Stall?"*

\*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 friends and family of Bob Kuiper, a beloved friend and mentor to Mike Spitz who passed away December 30.

**Betty Paarlberg** had a back procedure at Munster Hospital on Thursday, January 6, and was able to return home after.

**Pastor Rich Grevengoed** is recovering at home after having gall bladder surgery.

**Dennis Woltzen's** surgery has been postponed.

**Mark Spiekhout** has been scheduled for spinal surgery January 17.

**Doris Boomsma** has been able to recover at home from a procedure to help with her enlarged heart.

**Lenora Anker** continues 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 awaiting a lung transplant while on oxygen.

**Lindsay Robertson**, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, continues chemo treatments.

Felicia Flowers' mother, **Lula Brown** was diagnosed with breast cancer, and is beginning treatments.

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

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Alice Kats, 320 E. 169<sup>th</sup> Place, South Holland, IL 60473

### **ON DUTY TODAY:**

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Rich Thornton

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

### **2021 Year-End Offering**

Basket Total: \$10,855.00; Online Total: \$7,853.00

Special Offering: \$5,200.00

Giving Total: \$23,908.00

### **Sunday, January 2, 2022**

Basket Total: \$1,379.00

Online Total: \$ 755.00

Giving Total: \$2,134.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

**OFFERING COLLECTION:** Until further notice, the Deacons have decided that we will revert to collecting the weekly offering in the narthex. Collection plates will be stationed by each Sanctuary door before and after the service. You may also give online using our website or the church app.

## ***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!

## ***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 to 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, JANUARY 9

**GREETERS:** Don DeGraff and Jim DeGroot  
**USHER:** Robert Wooley  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff and Keith Durkin  
**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers  
**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Adeline Larson, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mykah Lett  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Wybren & Kathy Oord and Don & Noreen VanDeursen  
**COOKIE LADIES:** Gerri VanBaren, Rhonda DeBok, and Mary Koster

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

**7:00AM:** Trustee Meeting in the Heritage Room  
**8:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

**10:00AM:** Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

**GREETERS:** Mike Nylen and Deb Oord  
**USHER:** Mike Spitz  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Cindy Nylen and Rodger Norris  
**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams  
**VIDEO:** Mike Decker  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema  
**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Austin Parks, and Julia Keep  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren  
**COOKIE LADIES:** Gail Housman, Kathy Oord, and Nyla DeGraff

*SERMON NOTES...*

Luke 2:21-35  
To Proclaim Good News: “Nunc Dimittis”  
Rev. Jim Oord

## CHURCH LIFE...

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Bowling Night is tonight, **Sunday, January 9**, from 4:00-6:00pm at Lan Oak Lanes in Lansing, Illinois. Cost is \$10/person for two hours of bowling plus shoe rental. Spectators (non-bowlers) are free. It's not too late to sign-up at the Welcome Centers.

**IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE AND PAY TRIBUTE** on the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the Village is preparing a special video tribute to Dr. King. The video will be posted at [southholland.org](http://southholland.org) and on the Village Facebook page and will also be included via email to those subscribed to our Weekly Update. This is in lieu of the Village of South Holland's annual MLK celebration, originally scheduled for January 15, which will not take place as a live event this year due to the recent rise in COVID cases, to prevent further spread. If you're not already signed up, and would like to receive the Weekly Update email, text SOUTHHOLLAND to 22828.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES 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, being led by Jim DeGroot, 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 this **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.

LUKE 2:21-35

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## STAFF...

**Rev. James Oord**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

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

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
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**Gerri VanBaren**  
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**Steve Alexander**  
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**Toni Smith**  
*Director of Family Life  
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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**