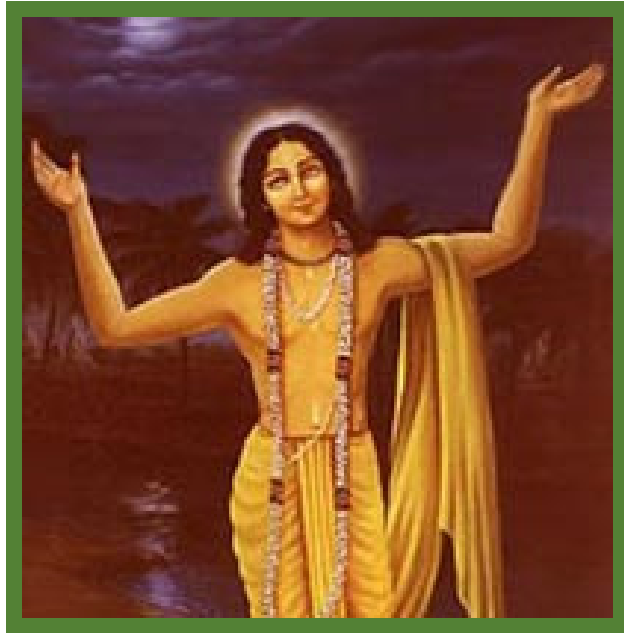


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
JANUARY 16, 2022



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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
Sunday, January 16, 2022

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*  
*"Sacred Gifts"*  
*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Anthony Bolkema

\*Congregational Worship

*"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*  
*"The Lord Is My Salvation"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

*"I'll Not Be Shaken"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

1 Samuel 1-2:10

Sermon

*"This Is Her Story; This Is Her Song"*

Song of Response

*"Lift Every Voice & Sing"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Shari Oosting

\*Sending in Grace

*"As With Gladness Men of Old"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"My Friends May You Grow In Grace"*

\*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 Lenora Anker, who passed away on Wednesday, January 12. Please keep Rachel and Robert Wooley, and the entire family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements are pending.

**Our Christian sympathy** is also extended to Andy and Celeste DeBoer and family in the passing of Andy's mother, Alice, on Tuesday, January 11.

**Our Christian sympathy** is also extended to the family and friends of Keith & Felicia Flowers, on the passing of Felicia's father, Albert Tate, Sr., on Saturday, January 8.

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

**Chad & Dara VandenBosch** have COVID in their family. Please keep them in prayer.

**Mark Spiekhout** is scheduled for spinal surgery tomorrow, January 17.

**Doris Boomsma** is home but will need to continue seeing a heart specialist.

**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**, has started treatments for breast cancer.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Jeanette VanderVeen (note new address) Tri-State Nursing Home, Room 12, 2500 175<sup>th</sup> St., Lansing, IL 60438

### **ON DUTY TODAY:**

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Rich Thornton

## **CHURCH LIFE...**

**WE WANT TO THANK** the congregation for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits we received during my Mom's (Jean Schultz) ongoing illness and finally her homegoing. A special thanks to Pastor Rich for all his faithful phone calls, to Barb for her love and support in Mom's final days, and to Pastor Jim for his visits and his comforting words to our family. Much love to all our church family, thank you!

—Deb & Dennis Woltzen

**THANK YOU** for the phone calls, cards, and prayers over the last several months with Margene's hospitalization, rehab and now our move to assisted living. We have a comfortable place in Bourbonnais but do really miss our home of 46 years. A special thank you to Pastor Rich for his calls and visits. — Ralph and Margene Paarlberg

**CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH** would like to thank everyone who participated in our Angels of Hope Christmas Project again this past year. We were able to bless 170 families (with 618 children) with food, clothing, toys, and family needs. We could not do this without you. Thank You!

## **LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES** for all ages from 11:00am-noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

- 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 on **Tuesday, January 25** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am. We will review the homework from Session 7, "Reflective of His Heart", p. 104-131. Hope to see you there.

***SERMON NOTES...***

**1 Samuel 1-2:10**

**“This Is Her Story: This Is Her Song”**

We Welcome to the pulpit this morning, Rev. Shari Oosting, Associate Director of Formation for Ministry and Project Director for Churches in Mission at Western Seminary in Holland, MI.

***UP & COMING AT FIRST...***

**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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

Martin Luther King Day

Church Office and Family Life Day Care Closed

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18**

**7:00PM:** Management Team Meeting in the Genesis Room

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**

**GREETERS:** Raylene Oord and Wybren Oord

**USHER:** Alison VanderWoude

**WELCOME CENTER:** Kathy Oord and Trina Taylor

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok: **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**MUSIC TEAM:** Kyle Derks, Peter Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**COOKIE LADIES:** Barb Grevengoed, Joanne Hoeksema, and Deb Woltzen

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Basket Total: \$7,852.00

Online Total: \$3,121.00

Giving Total: \$10,973.00

(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.

**YOUR YEARLY GIVING STATEMENT** is available today in the Fellowship Hall.

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 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!



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<b>Pastor Corey Buchanan</b> <i>Associate Pastor</i>	<b>Steve Alexander</b> <i>Church Custodian</i>
<b>Dr. Anthony Bolkema</b> <i>Pastor of Worship &amp; Ministry</i>	<b>Jane Ackerman</b> <i>Church Accountant</i>
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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