

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
JANUARY 23, 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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Sunday, January 23, 2022

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Psalm 42"
"Praise and Worship"
"Once in Royal David's City"
"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"
"Great Is He"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"This Is Our God"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 2:36-40

Sermon

"To Proclaim Good News: Waiting for Hope"

Song of Response

"All That Was Lost"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Ron Rietveld

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

*Organ Postlude

"My Hope Is in the Lord"

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CARE...

Our friends at the Tibstra House are currently limiting visitors and activities to keep their residents safe from COVID. They are longing to be back to worshipping with us in person! Be in prayer for their health and encouragement.

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. Visitation is Saturday, January 29, from 9:00-11:00am at Smits in Dyer with a private family service to follow.

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 recovered from COVID in their family.

Mark Spiekhout is recovering from spinal surgery he had this past week.

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: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Room 63A, Downers Grove, IL 60515

ON DUTY TODAY:

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Rich Thornton

CHURCH LIFE...

I AM MOST THANKFUL to God that I was able to receive emergency care and emergency surgery at South Suburban Hospital during the holidays. The hospital was overwhelmed with COVID and by God's grace I still received wonderful care. I wish to also thank all of you for your kindness in sending cards and texts and also for your prayers. Your Christian kindness and compassion are deeply appreciated.

- Pastor Rich

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Starting next week Sunday, our Adult Sunday School class will be spending three weeks talking about our church leaders: Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. We will discuss the biblical teaching concerning elders and deacons, as well as how these roles play out at First Reformed Church. As our season of nominations and voting for new office-bearers approaches, this is a great opportunity for our congregation and for those who feel God's call to serve.

FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP! On **Wednesday, February 2**, we will be hosting a dinner in our Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00pm. Come join us for a fun baked potato bar meal with your church family! Sign up online or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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," pp. 104-131. Hope to see you there!

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 2:36-40

“To Proclaim Good News: Waiting for Hope”

Rev. James Oord

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

6:15PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Caring Elders & Deacons meet in the Heritage Room

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

GREETERS: Liam VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude

USHER: Don VanBaren

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren and Steve VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord

MUSIC TEAM: Kevin Hesselink, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, & Bella VanderWoude

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

COOKIE LADIES: Arleta Hommes, Trina Taylor, and Merley Verhagen

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Basket Total: \$4,910.00

Online Total: \$4,170.00

Giving Total: \$9,080.00

(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 2022...



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 \$27,804.94 to add to the \$97,073.46 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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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