

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
Communion Sunday, February 6, 2022  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	Steve DeVries
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 3:1-20
Sermon	To Proclaim Good News: "Preparing the Way"
Song of Response	<i>"As With Gladness Men of Old"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Jim Oord
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"As With Gladness Men of Old"</i>
*Organ Postlude	Steve DeVries
*Those who are able please stand.	

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

## **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.

**Mark Spiekhout** is recovering from spinal surgery he had January 16.

**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 and is now in intensive care and on life support while waiting for a viable lung.

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

**Jan Lanting**, Alison VanderWoude's mother, will be undergoing surgery Thursday to remove breast cancer.

Felicia Flowers' mother, **Lula Brown**, continues her treatment for breast cancer.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Senior Living #209, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

## **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!

## **CHURCH LIFE...**

**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family and friends of Jeanette Vander Veen, who passed away on Sunday, January 30. There will be a private service for the family in Wisconsin.

**OUR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** continues today and is spending this time 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.

**SENIOR SWEETIES:** This Valentine's Day weekend, we will once again be making deliveries of goodies to some of our shut-in and senior members. If you are willing to contribute baked goods to this project, speak to Anthony. Today, **Sunday, February 6**, we will have sign-ups for deliveries. Join us in expressing love to our senior members!

**LENT 2022: Wednesday, March 2**, is Ash Wednesday, beginning the season of Lent, the time of year we orient our hearts toward repentance and new growth as we remember the sacrifice of Christ. March 2 will be our traditional Ash Wednesday service and Soup Supper (more details to follow). Every Wednesday from March 2 until Easter will be a special Lenten midweek service held in the chapel. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

**JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND FIRST CHURCH CAMPING TRIP** this summer from August 5-7 at Potato Creek State Park in North Liberty, IN. Registrations are requested by **Sunday, February 20** in order for us to try to reserve a group of sites in proximity to one another. We will accept later reservations; however, we cannot guarantee the location of your site. See the handout in your church mail slot for more information. Contact Anthony Bolkema with any questions.

**VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER** in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

### **ON DUTY TODAY:**

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

First Security: Colin Cutler

*SERMON NOTES...*

Luke 3:1-20

“To Proclaim Good News: Preparing the Way”

Rev. James Oord

*UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

COMMUNION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**GREETERS:** Aaron Wooley, Benjamin Wooley, and Keith Durkin

**USHER:** Don VanBaren

**WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren and Robert Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**MUSIC TEAM:** Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens

**COOKIE LADIES:** Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**9:30AM:** Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**GREETERS:** Jim DeGroot and Deb Oord

**USHER:** Don DeGraff

**WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff and Roger Norris

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Kevin Hesselink, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Bella VanderWoulde, and Robert Wooley

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Rachel Wooley

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Griff & Mary Decker and Mike & Cindy Nylen

**COOKIE LADIES:** Grace Jacobsma, Raylene Oord, Chandra Besser

## OUR GIFTS...

### Sunday, January 30, 2022

Basket Total: \$7,793.55  
Online Total: \$1,905.00  
Giving Total: \$9,713.55  
(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.

## 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 will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am. We 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.

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Tuesday, February 8, at 10:00am, in The Fellowship Hall. We will be watching the video by Priscilla Shirer “Revealing of His Plans,” and filling in p. 133 in our study guide. Hope to see you there!



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**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

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*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

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

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*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**