

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Third Sunday of Lent, March 20, 2022



Welcome...

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, March 2 this year and ends with the victory of Easter.

Lent is a season of disruption:

- ✚ It disrupts our arrogance and invites us into humility.
- ✚ It disrupts our comfort and invites us into repentance.
- ✚ It disrupts our stagnancy and invites us into new growth.

As we journey with Jesus through the stories of his suffering and death, we are invited to take up our own crosses and follow him. During Lent, we surrender our pretense and draw close to Christ, acknowledging just how much we need him as our Savior and Friend.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday, March 20, 2022

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Ancient of Days"
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"We Have Come into This House"
"Amazing Grace"
"I Stand Amazed"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Turn Your Eyes"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Matthew 26:36-56

Sermon

Eyewitness News: "Breaking News in the Garden"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Jesus Paid it All"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Lord, Make Me More Holy"

*Organ Postlude

Steve DeVries

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CARE...

THANK YOU for all the love and kindness we received with the cards, calls, and prayers given to our family in the passing of Don Rietveld. A special thank you to the pastors who have been there for us. - Betty Paarlberg & Family

Bob Asmus continues his care and therapy at Beecher Manor.

Margene and Ralph Paarlberg have been released from the hospital and have returned to their home at Bickford Senior Living.

Hank Koval will begin immunotherapy on March 22 every 3 weeks due to recurring melanoma. He is also waiting for results from a PET Scan he had March 18.

Loretta Bovenkerk fell and is receiving care and therapy at Crown Point Rehab.

Jim Bosman is home recovering from surgery he had on March 11.

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

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

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

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...

MASKING INSIDE THE CHURCH is now optional. If you are not feeling well, please consider livestreaming the church's service. Thank you!

LENT 2022: This is the time of year we orient our hearts toward repentance and new growth as we remember the sacrifice of Christ. Every Wednesday from March 2 until Easter at 6:00pm will be a special Lenten midweek service held in the chapel. Mark your calendars!

A WORKDAY IS HAPPENING at Roseland Thrift Store on **Monday, March 28**. Volunteers are needed to help in this very necessary mission project. Please contact Barb Grevengoed if you have a few hours to spare on that day. Text or call 708-476-1341.

NOMINATING BALLOTS for the **Tuesday, May 10**, Congregational Meeting at 7:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes on the Narthex shelves by **TODAY!**

NEW2YOU RESALE STORE located in Lansing, IL, is looking for faithful volunteers-men and women who would love to help serve families choosing Christian education at Calvin & Lansing Christian schools. The store is clean, organized, well run, and full of other friendly people serving just like yourself! Serving can be done on a monthly, bi-monthly, weekly, or daily basis, whatever fits your schedule best! Days and times are flexible! Have questions or interested? Talk to Kim Bolkema or contact the church office.

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3, our church will be hosting a concert in our chapel featuring Christian artist Jeremy Casella. Jeremy is a singer-songwriter from Nashville, TN. His songs have been used in churches and blessed audiences for nearly 20 years. This event will be an intimate and inspiring afternoon of songs and stories. Tickets can be reserved for \$10 per person. Seating is limited! Nursery will be provided. The concert will be held on Sunday, April 3, from 3:00-4:30pm. Sign-up online or at the welcome center.

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan; **First Security:** Craig Nelson

SERMON NOTES...

Matthew 26:36-56

Eyewitness News: “Breaking News in the Garden”

Pastor Corey Buchanan

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

GREETERS: Raylene Oord and Don VanBaren

USHER: Trina Taylor

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Kevin Hesselink, Bill Nyhanna, Austin Parks, and Rachel Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

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

COOKIE LADIES: Mary Koster, Mary Paulton, and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, MARCH 21

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

GREETERS: Deb Oord and Dennis Woltzen

USHER: Deb Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Steve VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Peter Keep, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Mike & Cindy Nylen

COOKIE LADIES: Joanne Hoeksema, Kathy Oord, and Gerri VanBaren

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Basket Total: \$5,289.00
Online Total: \$3,490.00
Giving Total: \$8,779.00
(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

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 meet in the Elisha Room (behind the Heritage Room).
- K – 2nd graders meet in the library.
- 3rd – 5th graders meet in the Genesis Room.
- The 6th – 8th graders will meet in the Heritage Room.
- Our adult class will meet in the chapel from 11:00am – 11:50am.

THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall, the First Church Ladies' Bible Study will be concluding the study of Priscilla Shirer's, "Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks." We will be discussing workbook pages 166-197 and watching video 7, "Speak Lord." Hope to see you there!

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized. Also, to sign-up for our Jeremy Casella Concert.

KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church 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.



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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