

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
Palm Sunday, April 10, 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.

PALM SUNDAY  
April 10, 2022  
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Fanfare Prelude: All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*  
*"Hosanna to the Son of David!"*  
*"In the Name of the Lord"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Worship

*"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"*  
*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*  
*"Shout Hosanna!"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"The Lord Is My Salvation"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-16

Sermon

Eyewitness News: "The Singing Children"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"Lord, Make Me More Holy"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Near the Cross"*

\*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 Bob Asmus who passed away on Tuesday, April 5. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 11:00am at First Reformed Church, followed by a luncheon.

**Felix and Chinedu Akoma** ask for prayers as they travel to Nigeria to visit friends and family. Pray especially for Chinedu as she is still recovering from her stroke and is anxious about travelling in her weakened state.

**Hank Koval** continues in the ICU at Ingalls Hospital.

**Celeste DeBoer** has been admitted to Ingalls Hospital due to a blood infection.

**Lindsay Robertson**, brother-in-law to Larry and Phyllis De Young, is now in remission.

**Tom Hynes**, son-in-law of George & Sharon Dinkel, has returned home from the hospital.

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

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Alice Kats, 320 E. 169<sup>th</sup> Place, 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 \$19,804.94 to add to the \$105,073.46 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!

## ON DUTY TODAY...

**First Emergency:** Eric Carter

**First Security:** Mike Costello

## CHURCH LIFE...

**LET'S RAISE A HALLELUJAH!** We would like to invite all singers of every age and skill to join their voices in an Easter Choir on Resurrection Sunday, April 17, our first full choir in over two years! If you are comfortable joining us, we will be rehearsing 3 familiar songs together on **Wednesday, April 13, at 7:00pm**. Contact Anthony with any questions.

**JOIN THE MISSION COMMITTEE** for dinner **Monday, April 18**, here at church at 6:30pm and learn about our exciting missions. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex and at the welcome center in the Fellowship Hall.

**BIBLE LEAGUE ILLIANA DIVISION VOLUNTEERS** are hosting a special luncheon at Teibel's Restaurant on **Thursday, April 21**, at 11:30am. Learn about the impact of ministry around the world and enjoy a fun fashion show. Reach out to your Bible League Volunteer Key Contact, Becky Wright or Judy Gill, for tickets. You will also have opportunity to partner with the Bible League in Sharing God's Word. Tickets cost \$20.00 for chicken or perch. The deadline to order tickets is Wednesday, April 13.

**ATTENTION: COOKIE COMMITTEE LADIES!** The baggie protocol has been lifted and all cookie creations can now be brought to church in regular containers for our fellowship time. For allergy purposes, please continue to label your container if your cookies contain peanut butter or any type of nuts. Thank you, again, for your willingness to be a part of this hospitality and fellowship ministry.

**MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Join us on **Thursday, May 5** | 7:30am at Spirit of God Fellowship | 16350 State St. In observance of the National Day of Prayer, the South Holland Ministerial Association is hosting the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, which will be in person this year. Join Mayor De Graff and South Holland pastors as they pray for our Village, State, and Nation. Pastor Alfonzo Surret, Jr., is the keynote speaker. Admission is \$7 at the door.

## OUR GIFTS...

**Sunday, April 3, 2022**

Basket Total: \$12,408.76; Online Total: \$1,860.00

Giving Total: \$14,268.76

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

*SERMON NOTES...*

Matthew 21:1-16

Eyewitness News: “The Singing Children”

Pastor Jim Oord

*UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

**GREETERS:** Raylene Oord, Keith Durkin, and Don DeGraff

**WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

**MUSIC TEAM:** Kevin Hesselink, Nick Paarlberg, Mathew Rietveld, Lisa Triemstra, and Rachel Wooley

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren

**COOKIE LADIES:** Dorothy Jacobsma, Chandra Ondrejka, and Raylene Oord

MONDAY, APRIL 11

**7:00AM:** Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

**6:00PM:** Bell Rehearsal

**7:00PM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly meeting of the Consistory in the Fellowship Hall

**8:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal

**7:30PM:** Bell Rehearsal

THURSDAY APRIL 14

**6:00PM:** Maundy Thursday Service in the Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY APRIL 15

**6:00PM:** Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris, Raylene Oord, and Dennis Woltzen

**WELCOME CENTER:** Debbie Woltzen

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

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

**MUSIC TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Calvin Handoko, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema

**COOKIE LADIES:** Grace Jacobsma, Sherry Norris, and Rachel Wooley

*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.

**There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday!**

*WORSHIP...*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Join us on **Thursday, April 14**, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a special Maundy Thursday service. This Lenten season, we have been using the idea of "eyewitness news" as we explore Jesus' journey to the cross. At this service, we'll be "joining Jesus at the Table" as we consider the eyewitnesses who sat with him at his last supper. We'll be enjoying light refreshments and celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during this service. Sign up if you're planning to attend.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Join us on **Friday, April 15**, at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for our Good Friday service. We will use the story of the Crucifixion as it's told in Matthew's Gospel as we walk through the significance of Jesus' death. This somber service will end in silence and darkness as we spend time considering just how wondrous Christ's redeeming love is.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Join us on **Sunday, April 17**, at 9:30am in the Sanctuary for our Easter service. Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is at the heart of who we are as Christians. Join us as we raise the roof with beautiful music, heartfelt praise, joyful prayers, and the best news you've ever heard! It's been our tradition for decades to end our Easter service with the victorious singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus." We've had to tone it down for the last 2 years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. You won't want to miss the rafter-shaking return of this beloved tradition!



**15924 South Park Avenue • South Holland, IL 60473**  
**Office: 708.333.0622 • Prayer Line: 708.333.8150**  
**E-mail: [office@frcsh.org](mailto:office@frcsh.org) • Online at [www.frcsh.org](http://www.frcsh.org)**

*STAFF...*

<b>Rev. James Oord</b> <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<b>Gerri VanBaren</b> <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
<b>Pastor Corey Buchanan</b> <i>Associate Pastor</i>	<b>Steve Alexander</b> <i>Church Custodian</i>
<b>Anthony Bolkema</b> <i>Pastor of Worship &amp; Ministry</i>	<b>Jane Ackerman</b> <i>Church Accountant</i>
<b>Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed</b> <i>Pastor of Care &amp; Visitation</i>	<b>Darcy Daly</b> <i>Nursery Coordinator</i>
<b>Nyla DeGraff</b> <i>Church Administrator</i>	<b>Toni Smith</b> <i>Director of Family Life</i> <i>Christian Pre-School &amp; Day Care</i>

**Visit us online at [www.frcsh.org](http://www.frcsh.org)**

**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**