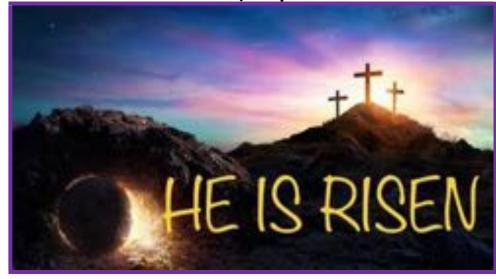
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

OF SOUTH HOLLAND

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022



Welcome...

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Eastertide is the 50-day period beginning with Easter Sunday and ending with the celebration of Pentecost. How beautiful that the Church's celebration of New Life and Resurrection aligns with the season of Spring here in the Northern Hemisphere. As one hymn puts it, "See, the spring of souls today, Christ has burst death's prison!" Just as the dreary drab cold of winter bursts into green new life around us, we experience the life-giving power of the gospel as we meet Jesus here.

For nearly 175 years, First Reformed Church has been a place celebrating the "spring of souls" that we find in Jesus. So, whether you've been worshipping here for 90+ years, whether this is your first time here, whether you're old or young, a lifelong Christian or someone seeking answers to life's questions, this is a place to meet Jesus, our risen Lord, and find new life, abundant life, changed life, meaningful life in him.

EASTER SUNDAY April 17, 2022 WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude "Were You There?"

"The Strife Is O'er"

"Because He Lives"

Opening Introit "Sing This Joyful Morning"

Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"Praise the King"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Corey Buchanan

Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Song of Assurance "Christ Is Risen"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Matthew 28:1-15

Sermon Eyewitness News: "Whose Report?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory "The Power of the Cross"

*Doxology

Words of Instruction & Transition "Because He Lives"

*Benediction Pastor Jim Oord

*Closing Song "Hallelujah Chorus"

*Organ Postlude "The Day of Resurrection"

*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.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Henry Koval who passed away on Sunday, April 10.

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.

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.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

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 to need to raise \$10,804.94 to add to the \$114,073.46 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: Craig Nelson

CHURCH LIFE...

CONGRATULATIONS to William & Sarah Reyes on the birth of their son, Noah Charles, born on Tuesday April 12. Sisters Algeria & Chasity and 3-year-old brother William are excited for this new addition joining their family.

RALPH PAARLBERG will be celebrating his 91st birthday on Friday, April 22. **Margene Paarlberg** will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, April 23. They are so thankful for the many blessings they have received from the Lord.

JOIN THE MISSION COMMITTEE for dinner tomorrow, 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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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 Surrett, Jr., is the keynote speaker. Admission is \$7 at the door.

SAVE THE DATE: CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET will be held on Tuesday May 17, 2022. It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Reception starts at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by Monday, May 2 to office@cpoministries.org or by phone to Noreen at the office 708-331-3301.

THE MEN OF A-CHORD is pleased to announce their annual "Night of Song" featuring the Easter Cantata "Written In Red". The concert will be on Saturday May 7, at 7:00pm at the First Church (OPC) of South Holland located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL. Make your plans now for a great evening of praise to our great God. A free will offering will be taken. For information, please see our website at www.menofachord.org or contact any member of the Men of A-Chord.

SERMON NOTES...

Matthew 28:1-15
Eyewitness News: "Whose Report?"
Pastor Jim Oord

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

GREETERS: Rodger Norris, Raylene Oord, and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Debbie Woltzen

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; 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

MONDAY, APRIL 18

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

6:30PM: Mission Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY APRIL 19

7:00PM: Management Team meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

7:00PM: Day Care Board meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

GREETERS: Wybren Oord, Deb Oord, and Trina Taylor

WELCOME CENTER: Kathy Oord

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan; VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink ORGAN: Steve DeVries PIANO: Jeremiah Green

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Wyben & Kathy Oord and Mike & Cindy Nylen

COOKIE LADIES: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Alison VanderWoude

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES next week 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 TODAY!

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized. Also, to sign-up for the Mission Dinner tomorrow.

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.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN DAY CARE will be closed from Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 22 for their Spring break.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Basket Total: \$14,620.00 Special Projects: \$9,000.00

In Memory of Don Rietveld: \$100.00

Online Total: \$1,716.00 Giving Total: \$26,436.69 (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)



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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