

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2022



Welcome...

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.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Resurrection"

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

"Living Hope"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Stronger"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Isaiah 55:12-56:8, Colossians 1:15-23, Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

"I Witness: as a Sharer in Jesus' Victory"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Take Time to be Holy"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Organ Postlude

"Welcome Happy Morning"

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CARE...

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.

Loretta Bovenkerk continues her rehab at Sunrise Villa in Olympia Fields.

Celeste DeBoer is in rehab at Ingalls Hospital recovering from an infection.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, is scheduled for a surgical biopsy on May 2 to determine if his lymphoma has progressed. He is also waiting for the results of a PET scan and will begin infusion therapy on May 5.

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: Alice Kats, 320 East 169th Place, South Holland, Illinois 60473

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.

The last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 1.

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 \$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!

CHURCH LIFE...

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets **Sunday, May 1**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon, and Trustees:

ELDER NOMINEES: Gwen Adams, Wybren Oord, and Rick Veldboom

DEACON NOMINEES: Claude Brooks Jr., Mike Decker, Bill Nyhanna (1-year term), Nick Paarlberg, and Eric Pradelski

TRUSTEE NOMINEES: Steve DeVries, Colin Cutler, and Rich Zimmerman

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, May 10**, at 7:00PM. The main purpose of the meeting will be the election of elders, deacons and trustees and any other business which rightfully comes before such a meeting. Eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age.

PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee Ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 10. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of "yes" or "no" for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

SERMON NOTES...

Isaiah 55:12-56:8, Colossians 1:15-23, Matthew 28:16-20

“I Witness: as a Sharer in Jesus’ Victory”

Pastor Jim Oord

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

GREETERS: Wybren Oord, Deb Oord, and Trina Taylor

WELCOME CENTER: Kathy Oord

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Kevin 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: Wybren & Kathy Oord and Mike & Cindy Nylen

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

MONDAY, APRIL 25

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Caring Elders and Deacons meet

7:30PM: Elders meeting in the Heritage Room

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 1

GREETERS: Don VanBaren, Alison VanderWoude, and Lucas VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

PROJECTION: Trina Taylor

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Calvin Handoko, Nate Krygsheld, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

COOKIE LADIES: Gwen Adams, Mary Koster, and Gail Housman

REMINDERS...

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

PLEASE 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!

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Basket Total: \$6,749.00; Foundation Offering: \$1,000.00

In Memory of Bob Asmus: \$50.00

Online Total: \$2,930.00

Giving Total: \$10,729.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

ON DUTY TODAY...

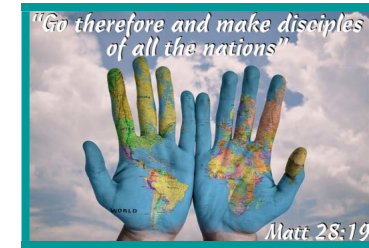
First Emergency: Eric Carter

First Security: Mike Costello

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**. 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.



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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