

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 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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Sunday, May 8, 2022

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

Bonnie Feenstra

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"I Won't Go Back"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Colossians 1:3-8; 4:7-18

Sermon

"I Witness: as Part of a Church"

Song of Response

"Facing a Task Unfinished"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

Bonnie Feenstra

Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Organ Postlude

Bonnie Feenstra

*Those who are able please stand.

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

CHURCH LIFE...

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK the congregation and the pastors for all their prayers, calls, and cards sent in the passing of Bob. - Nancy Asmus

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES is on summer break. Classes for all ages will resume this fall!

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets again, next Sunday, May 15, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please email Anthony at anthony@frcsh.org.

CARE...

Felix and Chinedu Akoma have safely returned home from Nigeria. Chinedu continues to recover at home from lingering effects of her stroke.

Ramelle DeVries' recent struggle with extreme headaches has been found to be caused by temporal arteritis, which she is now receiving treatment for.

Wayne and Joyce Deinema continue to struggle with health concerns as Wayne cares for Joyce.

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

Celeste DeBoer has returned home from the hospital and is continuing dialysis and hyperbaric treatments.

Mike and Joanne Hoeksema's grandson, **Jordan Tanis**, had surgery Tuesday to partially close his chest. The doctors plan to place his pacemaker internally towards the end of the week. Prayer for continued healing and to return home this weekend.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan Nelson, had 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 began infusion therapy on May 5.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Lois VanVuren**, Symphony of Dyer, Room 221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING...

IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS is a packet with the minutes from the 2022 Congregational Meeting and the proposed annual budgets for 2022/2023. Please review and take this packet along with you to our Congregational Meal & Meeting on **Tuesday, May 10** at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the offices 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: Colin Cutler, Steve DeVries, and Rich Zimmerman

CONGREGATIONAL MEAL AND MEETING: Our congregational meeting will be held this **Tuesday, May 10**, at 6:00PM. It will start with a "Taco Tuesday" meal for us to enjoy together as we celebrate everything God is doing in our church. This will be in lieu of our First Wednesday Fellowship Meal. 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. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you are planning to attend this meal and meeting.

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.

5:10

SERMON NOTES...

Colossians 1:3-8; 4:7-18

“I Witness: as a Part of a Church”

Pastor Jim Oord

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MAY 8

GREETERS: Liam VanderWoude, Steve VanderWoude, and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord

MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Bella VanderWoude, and Rachel Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Rachel Wooley

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker, Trina Taylor, and Gwen Adams

COOKIE LADIES: Nyla DeGraff, Rhonda DeBok, and Nancy DeVries

MONDAY, MAY 9

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

TUESDAY, MAY 10

6:00PM: Congregational Meal and Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 15

GREETERS: Don DeGraff, Robert, Aaron & Benjamin Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

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

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Jeremiah Green

MUSIC TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Austin Parks, and Robert Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Wybren & Kathy Oord and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

COOKIE LADIES: Mary Decker, Kathy Oord, and Gerri VanBaren

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized. Also, visit either welcome center to sign-up to attend congregational meal and meeting.

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, May 1, 2022

Basket Total: \$4,070.00

Online Total: \$1,080.00

Gift & Memorial/Bob Asmus: \$25.00

Giving Total: \$5,750.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Keith Durkin & Barry Voss

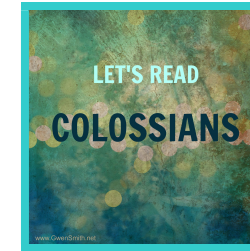
(Welcome, Barry, to the First Security Team!)

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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 to office@cpoministries.org or by phone to Noreen at the office 708-331-3301.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING CAMPAIGN 2022...

THE DEACONS are pleased to announce that we have completed funding for the renovation work that was done in the parsonage. A hearty thanks is expressed to the congregation for your generous support through your offerings and donations!



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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