

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 22, 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 22, 2022
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"
"Make Me A Servant"
"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Opening Song of Worship

"Come & Worship"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
"Come & Let Us Sing"
"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"There Is a Redeemer"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Nehemiah 1

Sermon

"Step Up"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Jim DeGroot

Offertory

"Revive Us Again"

Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Organ Postlude

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Toni Smith, our Director of Family Life Day Care, on the passing of her mother, Carolyn Anderson, on May 12.

FIRST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP: Join us on **Wednesday, June 1**, for some Chicago-style hot dogs (so you better not smuggle in any ketchup!) and other summer fare! We'll eat together at 6:00pm (this will be followed by Elder and Deacon Orientation for current and incoming consistory members). Sign up at the narthex or Fellowship Hall Welcome Centers!

WELCOME TO SUMMER OASIS STUDENTS! Come for some food and fun (pizza and dodgeball) on Friday, June 3 from 6:00-8:00pm to celebrate the end of school! All students entering sixth grade through all students exiting 12th grade are welcome to attend.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL & DAY CARE GRADUATION is scheduled for **Friday, June 3**, at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. All First Church members are invited to come and support our families in the Family Life Day Care Program.

JOIN DNA (DIVERSITY IN ACTION) for a dinner with Dr. John Fuder on **Tuesday, June 14** at 6:00pm. Dr. John Fuder is the Founder and Director of Heart for the City. Doc Fuder's passion to teach and train others to engage the city comes from his many years of experience in ministry in California and training students in Urban Studies at Moody Theological Seminary. Now Doc Fuder is equipping the broader body of Christ to engage more deeply in contextualizing the Gospel in their local communities. He has also been leading the Pray Chicago movement that began in 2014 and is still growing today. He holds a B.R.E. from Prairie Bible College, an M.A. in Religion from Pepperdine University and a Ph.D. from Biola University. He and his wife, Nellie, have three children and a granddaughter. They live on Chicago's north side.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT FELLOWSHIP EVENT on **Saturday, June 18**. We will be heading to the Windy City Thunderbolts game in Crestwood, IL. The first pitch is scheduled for 6:05pm. This particular night is "Church Night" as well as a Beatles theme night. The game will be followed by fireworks. Tickets are \$7/person. Sign up to join us at this event at one of the welcome centers.

CARE...

Ralph Paarlberg was admitted to Riverside Hospital in Kankakee on Monday with a collapsed lung.

Alice Kats would like prayers for relief of chronic back pain.

Phyllis DeYoung will be having an MRI tomorrow at Christ Hospital to resolve spinal issues.

Chinedu Akoma continues to recover at home from lingering effects of her stroke.

Wayne and Joyce Deinema both continue to struggle with health concerns that are complicated 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 last Tuesday to partially close his chest. Prayer for continued healing.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan, had a surgical biopsy last week and is waiting for the results of a PET scan. He has started infusion therapy.

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.

“O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.” Now I was cupbearer to the king.” - Nehemiah 1:11

SERMON NOTES...

Nehemiah 1
“Step Up”
Pastor Corey Buchanan

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MAY 22

GREETERS: Rodger Norris, Jim DeGroot, and Keith Durkin

WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nysten

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema

MUSIC TEAM: Dacia Hill and Nick Paarlberg

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

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

COOKIE LADIES: Mary Decker, Joanne Hoeksema, and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, MAY 23

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meet

SUNDAY, MAY 29

GREETERS: Mike Nysten, Deb Oord, and Trina Taylor

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

PROJECTION: TBD

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Daniel Day, Kevin Hesselink, Adeline Larsen, Lisa Triemstra, and Bella VanderWoude

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

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

COOKIE LADIES: Diana Abernathy, Trina Taylor, and Merley Verhagen

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.

CHURCH OFFICE & FAMILY LIFE DAY CARE will be closed on Monday, May 30!

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

First Security: Barry Voss

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

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Basket Total: \$3,801.00

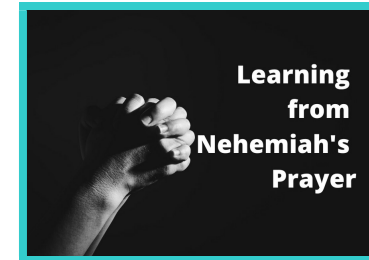
Online Total: \$3,675.00

Giving Total: \$7,476.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will be held on Monday, May 30 at 11:00am. The parade begins at South Park Avenue and 170th Street, heading north to Veterans Memorial Park. This parade is to honor those in the United States military who have risked their lives for all of us. Following the parade, there will be a remembrance ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.



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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