

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 29, 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Sunday, May 29, 2022  
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Morning Light"*  
*"Peace in the Midst of the Storm"*  
*"Learning to Lean"*  
*"Eternal Father Strong to Save"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Worship

*#306 "Standing on the Promises"*  
*"Christ the Sure & Steady Anchor"*

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"Leaning"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Colossians 2:1-8, Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon

*"I Witness: for the Long Haul"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Memorial Day Tribute Video  
*"Nearer, My God, to Thee"*  
*"Am I A Soldier of the Cross?"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*#240 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"My Heart is Filled With Thanksgiving"*

\*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...

**THANK YOU** for your prayers, cards, and calls during this time of waiting for results of my MRI. I will be doctoring for pain management treatments for my back.

- Phyllis DeYoung

**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) this **Friday, June 3** from 6:00-8:00pm to celebrate the end of school! Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through all students exiting 12<sup>th</sup> 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...

**Rachel Wooley** has started chemo treatments this past Wednesday due to a diagnosis of stage 4 colon cancer.

**Dennis Woltzen** is recovering from hiatal hernia surgery and repairs to his esophagus he had at the University of Chicago in Hyde Park this past Friday.

**Anna Mae Groeneveld** will be having knee surgery on Tuesday, May 31 at Silver Cross Hospital.

**Jan Nelson** tore ligaments on her left knee and her kneecap is detached. She is being scheduled for surgery.

**Ralph Paarlberg** was admitted to Riverside Hospital in Kankakee last week with a collapsed lung.

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

**Phyllis DeYoung** will be getting treatments for pain management to help 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 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's** lymphoma has gotten much worse. He is in the third week infusion therapy.

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

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Diane Snyder, 774 E. 164<sup>th</sup> St., South Holland, IL 60473

*SERMON NOTES...*

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Colossians 2:1-8, Matthew 28:18-20

“I Witness: for the Long Haul”

Pastor Jim Oord

*UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**

**GREETERS:** Mike Nylen, Deb Oord, and Trina Taylor

**WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers

**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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**

**6:00PM:** First Wednesday Fellowship Hot Dog Night!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

**3:00PM:** Family Life Christian Day Care Graduation in the sanctuary

**6:00PM:** OASIS Food & Fun night in the Activity Center

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

**GREETERS:** Don VanBaren, Raylene Oord, and Liam VanderWoude

**WELCOME CENTER:** Steve VanderWoude

**PROJECTION:** Trina Taylor

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

**MUSIC TEAM:** Daniel Day, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Bella VanderWoude

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

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

**COOKIE LADIES:** Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

## 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 22, 2022

Basket Total: \$3,963.00

Online Total: \$2,075.00

Giving Total: \$6,038.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,250.00)

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be held this 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**