

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 30, 2022



Welcome...

First Reformed Church has been part of this community for 175 years. In 1847, the earliest settlers began farming in this prairieland south of Chicago. That year, they also began worshipping together. In 1848, they officially established this church. We're celebrating 175 years of sisters and brothers worshipping and growing together in the grace of Christ. And we're glad to welcome you here today to be part of our continuing story! During the month of November, we are celebrating the generosity of our God! We have 175 years of stories that highlight how good he's been! Jesus has established a Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven, and we're excited to share that gospel invitation of welcoming hospitality, self-sacrificing compassion, and neighborly fellowship. Join us in celebration!

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WE APPROACH GOD

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| Organ Prelude | <i>"Reformation Fanfare: A Mighty Fortress"</i> <i>"Come, Come Ye Saints"</i> <i>"Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator"</i> |
| Opening Song of Worship | <i>"Glorify Thy Name"</i> – Chancel Choir |
| Welcome & Greeting One Another | Pastor Jim Oord |
| *Congregational Worship | <i>"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"</i> <i>"You Are Good"</i> <i>"How Great is Our God"</i> |
| Prayer of Confession | Pastor Anthony Bolkema |
| Song of Assurance | <i>"God of Grace"</i> – Chancel Choir |

THE WORD OF GOD

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| Scripture | Deuteronomy 15:1-11 |
| Sermon | "175 Years of Giving – Jubilee" |

WE RESPOND TO GOD

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| Congregational Prayer | Ron Abernathy |
| Offertory | <i>"Shall We Gather at the River?"</i> |
| *Doxology | |
| *Benediction | Pastor Jim Oord |
| *Sending in Grace | <i>"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"</i> |
| *Organ Postlude | <i>"Christ Is Made Our Sure Foundation"</i> |
| *Those who are able please stand. | |

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

CARE...

Craig Nelson had an angiogram Friday, October 28.
Doris Boomsma is at St. Margaret’s Hospital in Dyer due to heart issues.
Celeste DeBoer’s infection has returned in her foot. Tests are scheduled and appropriate decisions will be made after those results are available.
Norma Knopf has been diagnosed with breast cancer and is recovering from surgery.
Ruth DeBoer has left the hospital and is now at Park Place in St. John, for rehab.
Carol Snyder fell and broke her elbow; please pray for healing.
Kathy Oord has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. She has started chemo treatments which will be followed by future surgery.
Rachel Wooley continues with chemotherapy and the good news is her tumors are shrinking.
Christopher Nelson had a PET scan for his lymphoma which showed a small sign of improvement. He will continue in a monitoring stage.
Debra Pletzke, daughter of Ron and Diana Abernathy, is recovering from her heart ablation last week.
Dianne Gruger, the mother of Megan DeYoung, completed her radiation treatments but will continue with her chemo treatments for lung cancer.
Lula Brown, Felicia Flowers’ mother, has breast cancer and continues her recovery from surgery.
OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor
First Security: Mike Costello

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 23, 2022
Basket Total: \$10,272.00
Online Total: \$1,380.00
Wheelchairs for Living with Hope: \$550.00
Giving Total: \$12,202.00
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

GREETERS: Keith Durkin and Don VanBaren
WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Mike & Cindy Nylen and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
COOKIE LADIES: Diana Abernathy, Trina Taylor, and Merley Verhagen

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00PM: Trunk N Treat in the church parking lot
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
8:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:00PM: Wednesday Fellowship Meal & “The Chosen” Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
7:30PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Robert Wooley
WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink & Aaron Wooley
MUSIC TEAM: Nolan & Kim Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Rachel Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE LADIES: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen
OASIS: 6:30pm-8:00pm

CHURCH LIFE...

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! All classes will resume next Sunday, November 6!

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Rev. Jonathan Brownson (a former pastor of First Reformed Church) on the passing of his wife Jeanette, on **Friday, October 14**. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, October 18 in Holland, Michigan. Cards can be sent to Rev. Jonathan Brownson at 355 Washington Blvd., Holland, MI. 49423.



NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!

This fall, we invite you to come out every other Wednesday to watch *The Chosen* together. *The Chosen* is a carefully researched and well-made dramatization of the life of Jesus as told in the biblical gospels. *The Atlantic's* reviewer said, "Take it from a critic and a Christian with an aversion to Christian entertainment:

the show is good." This study continues this **Wednesday, November 2**, and will include a meal at 6:00pm and run every other Wednesday until we finish Season 1. The episode screening will be followed by discussion and a deeper dig into the Bible's stories of the life of Jesus. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers. Save future dates: Nov. 16, & 30, Dec. 14 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. (Dec. 7: First Christmas Party no study).

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet again on **Tuesday, Nov. 8** at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework for Session 3, "Trust God's Calendar", pgs. 41-67 in the study guide. Also, begin memorizing Isaiah 30:18. Hope you can attend!

TRUNK N' TREAT is **Monday, October 31**, from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can leave your candy at the Welcome Center in the narthex. We also need you to volunteer your decorated car trunk. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall. Looking forward to an exciting night. Please show up to support this important outreach to our community!

WE ARE ON A ROLL! 352 BOXES OF STUFFING HAVE BEEN COLLECTED SO FAR IN OUR 2022 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE!

All throughout the month of October, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. First Church member Geni Cutler is the Executive Director of this organization which is committed to filling gaps in the underserved community by providing essential items and services where they are limited. Please call the church office with any questions. Your donations can be dropped off at our Welcome Centers.



DID YOU KNOW? Our church has a Facebook page! Like and follow the page to get information about upcoming events, historical tidbits, and snapshots of what's going on at First. If you take the time to like or share our posts, it helps get the word out about events and services to bless our community.

JOIN PROVIDENCE LIFE SERVICES for an extraordinary evening! Our 60th Annual Torchlight Celebration of Ministry will be held this **Friday, November 4**, at Chicago's Historic Post Office Building! Contact Joan at torchlight@provlife.com or 708-342-8108 for more information! Learn more at Torchlight2022.com.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Chairman, Mike Decker.

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall soon with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Let's get ready to help support these families!

SERMON NOTES...
“175 Years of Giving - Jubilee”
Deuteronomy 15:1-11
Pastor Jim Oord



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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