

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
OF SOUTH HOLLAND  
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Communion Sunday, November 6, 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!

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
November 13, 2022  
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Flourish On "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"  
"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"  
"Fill the Earth with Music"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Worship

*"This is My Father's World"  
"Come & Let Us Sing"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"Living Hope"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 6:38

Sermon

"The Kingdom Way"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

Geni Cutler – Open Access

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Sending in Grace

*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"*

\*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...**

**Jan Nelson** had a fall last Sunday after church and X-ray showed no fracture but will be having more tests.

**Norma Knopf** has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will begin chemo in two weeks followed by radiation.

**Ruth DeBoer** has returned to Village Woods, Room 204.

**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.

**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:** Betty Paarlberg, 2608 186<sup>th</sup>, Unit 106, Lansing, IL 60438

## **ON DUTY TODAY...**

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

First Security: Colin Cutler

## **OUR GIFTS...**

**Sunday, November 6, 2022**

Basket Total: \$12,041.00

Online Total: \$2,440.00

Giving Total: \$14,481.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

## **UP & COMING AT FIRST...**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**GREETERS:** Don VanBaren and Rodger Norris

**WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren

**PROJECTION:** Izzy Veldboom

**VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**MUSIC TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Julia Keep, and Austin Parks

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

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

**COOKIE LADIES:** Rhonda DeBok, Nyla DeGraff, and Barb Grevengoed

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**6:00PM:** Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

**6:00PM:** Fellowship Meal & "The Chosen" Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

**7:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**GREETERS:** Dennis Woltzen and Trina Taylor

**WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen

**PROJECTION:** Tiffany Buchanan

**VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

**SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink and Lucas Bolkema

**MUSIC TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Nate Housman, Gail Housman, Bill Nyhanna, and Robert Wooley

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker

**COOKIE LADIES:** Gail Housman, Mary Paulton, and Gerri VanBaren

### *SERMON NOTES...*

**“The Kingdom Way**

**Luke 6:38”**

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**

### *CHURCH LIFE...*

**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 this morning with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Let's get ready to help support these families! We will have less angels on our tree this year, but that does not mean you are not needed! We have many teenagers who are asking for large jogging suits instead of 2 smaller gifts. They are usually more costly than our normal tags. Perhaps a couple of you can go together for these larger purchases. Also, we have a 13 yr. old boy who is asking for a bike. Perhaps one of our small groups could all go together and purchase it or donate the money toward that and CPO would purchase it for you. Return date for the angel tree gifts is Sunday, Dec. 4.



**AN AMAZING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!** This fall, we continue to 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 again this **Wednesday, November 16** 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: November 30 and December 14 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. (December 7: First Christmas Party no study.)

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will meet on **Tuesday, November 29** 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.





**JOIN THE EXODUS PROJECTS** for an exciting evening of fellowship and ministry! Our annual ministry benefit will be held on **Thursday, November 17** at 6:30 at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Join us for ministry updates and information on our merger with Faith and Action. Contact Nikki Nyhanna to R.S.V.P. or for more information at [nikki@nyhanna.net](mailto:nikki@nyhanna.net) or (708)768-2262 or visit our website at [www.theexodusprojects.org](http://www.theexodusprojects.org).

**PLEASE JOIN US TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall and see a beautiful display of quilts. The Piecemakers are a ministry here at First Church which makes quilts that are donated to PASS, Bethshan, and given to newborns of the congregation. Come visit with the Piecemakers and see the results of their God given talents.

**IT’S IMPORTANT TO EMPTY YOUR MAIL SLOT TODAY!** Please remember to pick up your Thanksgiving letter and offering envelope. Our Thanksgiving offerings are being designated for Chicagoland Prison Outreach, Restoration Ministries, and Roseland Christian Ministries. As you enter for Thanksgiving worship next **Wednesday, November 24** at 6:00pm, please keep your monetary and material gifts (non-perishable food items and clothing) with you as you are seated. Towards the close of the service, we will carry our gifts to the front of the sanctuary as a tactile offering expression. If you are uncomfortable carrying your gifts forward, some of our church children would love the opportunity to do so for you during the service!

**ADVENT BEGINNING NOVEMBER 27, OUR SUNDAY SERVICES** will use our stained-glass windows to introduce the minor prophets who anticipated the coming of Christ. We will light our Advent candles to mark the passage of the weeks toward Christmas and sing beautiful hymns and carols to celebrate.

**OTHER ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO NOTE:**

-  **Wednesday, December 7**, come join us at 6:00pm for our (second) First Christmas Party. This will be a soup supper potluck and party with our church family. If you are willing to share your favorite soup (and soon to be ours!), please sign up at a welcome center.
-  **Sunday, December 11**, at 6:00pm, join us for our Service of Lessons and Carols, a musical celebration of the story of Jesus' arrival. If you love Christmas music, you won't want to miss it!
-  **Wednesday, December 14**, our Chosen Bible study continues from 6:00-7:30pm. Includes a meal and followed by an episode screening with discussion.
-  **Saturday, December 24**, join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 11:00pm. This service is always a highlight of the year, as we stay up and greet Christmas Day with carols, candlelight, and worship.



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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**