

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
Sunday, November 20, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 20, 2022
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

Steve DeVries

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Rejoice, The Lord Is King"
"Lord Most High"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema
"Lord, I Need You"

Song of Assurance

"My Hope Is in the Lord"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

I Corinthians 15:55-16:3, II Corinthians 7:13-9:15

Sermon

"175 Years of Giving- Generosity Accompanies the Gospel"

Song of Response

"My Tribute"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Larry DeYoung

Offertory

Bonnie Feenstra

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Rejoice, The Lord is King"

*Organ Postlude

Steve DeVries

*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 is starting chemo treatments on Wednesday, November 30 followed by radiation treatments.

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: Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer, Room 221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

First Security: Colin Cutler

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Basket Total: \$2,770.00

Online Total: \$3,602.00

Giving Total: \$6,372.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Trina Taylor

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:00PM: Thanksgiving Service in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 & 25

Church Office and Family Life Day Care Closed

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 27

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Cindy Nylén

WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan

VIDEO: Lucas VanDerWoude; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Peter Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Aubrey Durkin

COFFEE SERVERS: Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens

COOKIE LADIES: Joanne Hoeksema and Nancy DeVries

SERMON NOTES...

“175 Years of Giving – Generosity Accompanies the Gospel”

I Corinthians 15:55-16:3, 11 Corinthians 7:13-9:15

Pastor Jim Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

I WOULD LIKE to extend a heart-felt THANK YOU to everyone for their prayers and support for Celeste and myself during this long arduous journey. There were many deserts and rocky roads to travel but God led us through them all. So thankful she is in her new home in glory and is now free of all her ailments and once again able to use her musical talents to praise our heavenly Father. - Andy DeBoer

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. We thank one of our small groups who went in together to purchase a bike! 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 **Wednesday, November 30**, 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 date: December 14 from 6:00 – 7:30pm. (December 7: First Christmas Party no study.)

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet this **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.

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. Join us for Thanksgiving evening worship **Wednesday, November 23** 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