

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

First Advent Sunday, November 27, 2022



Welcome...

We are currently observing the season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The word "Advent" means "coming" or "arrival;" it is a period of preparation as the church lives in expectation and hope for the coming of Jesus.

This year, we are going to be placing ourselves in the shoes (or sandals) of God's people in the Old Testament, waiting for the coming Christ with the minor prophets. The stained-glass windows on the southern wall of the sanctuary use symbols representing the four major prophets (window by the piano) and twelve minor prophets.

Today's window represents the prophet Hosea using the symbol of a shattered idol.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 27, 2022 WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Advent Processional"
"See Amid the Winter's Snow"
"Watchmen Tell of the Night"

Opening Song of Worship

"Advent Hymn"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Singing

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Lighting of the Hope Candle & Butterfly Chrismon

Congregational Worship

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Hosea 11:1-11

Sermon

"Minor Prophets Major Good News: A Cord of Kindness"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

*Doxology

"What Child Is This?"

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

*Organ Postlude

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

*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 continues in physical therapy due to her fall.

Craig Nelson is scheduled for neck surgery on Thursday, December 8 at St. Margaret's in Dyer, Indiana.

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 finished her fourth and final treatment in this regime of bi-weekly chemo. On Friday, Kathy begins weekly chemo treatments for the next 12 weeks.

Rachel Wooley continues with chemotherapy and the good news is her tumors are shrinking.

Christopher Nelson continues in a monitoring mode watching for new lump growth. His next oncologist appointment is in February.

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: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, #63A, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

First Security: Colin Cutler

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Basket Total: \$7,050.15; Online Total: \$1,475.00; Foundation Fund: \$2,625.00

Giving Total: \$11,150.15; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:30AM: Knitters and Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Heritage Room

7:30PM: Elders & Deacons meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:00PM: Wednesday Fellowship Meal & "The Chosen" Bible Study

COMMUNION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Robert Wooley

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Robert Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Cindy Nylén

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

CHURCH LIFE...

TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS at First Reformed. At this time of Thanksgiving, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for the prayers, cards, and tokens of kindness offered on our behalf as we walk this cancer journey. Last week Kathy finished her fourth and final treatment in this regime of bi-weekly chemo. It has been a rough 10 weeks, but God has seen us through. On Friday, Kathy begins weekly chemo treatments for the next 12 weeks. Hopefully after that, the tumors will have shrunk enough to allow surgery to take place. We covet your continued prayers and support as we go through the coming days. We continue to be held fast by our sovereign Heavenly Father and rely on His strength to carry us through. Great is His faithfulness!

He will hold us fast, Rev. Wybren & Kathy Oord

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.



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. 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. The study will conclude on December 14 from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

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.

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 fewer 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.

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.
- 📅 **Sunday, December 25**, Cozy and festive Sunday morning worship at 9:30am.

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

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 or needs prayer.

SERMON NOTES...

Hosea 11:1-11

“Minor Prophets Major Good News: A Cord of Kindness”

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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