

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

First Sunday After Epiphany, January 8, 2023



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! 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!

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 8, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Who, O Lord, With Thee Abiding"
"If With All Your Hearts"
"Be Thou My Vision"*

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

*"All Creatures of Our God & King"
"Let There Be Glory & Honor & Praises"
"Come, Thou Fount"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Sermon

"God Gives Vision"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"I Cannot Tell"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Postlude

"When We Walk With the Lord"

*Those who are able please stand.

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Cindy Nylen

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude; **SOUND:** Kevin Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Gail Housman, Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

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

COOKIE LADIES: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Koster, and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

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

6:00PM: F-PEC meeting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: First Quarterly Consistory Meeting in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

7:00PM: DNA meeting in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00AM: First Impressions Team meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

GREETERS: Dennis and Deb Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

MUSIC TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Austin Parks, and Matthew Rietveld

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nia and Nahria Clark

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

COOKIE LADIES: Joanne Hoeksema, Ellen Nelson, and Gerri VanBaren

CARE...

Randy Gretz suffered a stroke on Christmas Day and is at the University of Chicago Hospital. He is slowly improving and has started therapy.

Alice Kats has been transitioned to hospice care in her home.

Jan Nelson continues in physical therapy due to her fall.

Craig Nelson is recovering from successful neck surgery he had on Thursday, December 8.

Norma Knopf continues with chemo treatments for breast cancer which will be followed by radiation treatments.

Kathy Oord has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. She has finished her first regime of bi-weekly chemo and has begun a set of weekly chemo treatments and has 6 more weeks to go.

Rachel Wooley continues with maintenance chemotherapy.

Jerry Gardner, son of Jean Spiekhout, is recovering from kidney surgery on Jan. 3.

Pray for **Marsha Pilipow** as she tends to the health of her aging mother.

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: Doris Boomsma, Village Woods #513, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL. 60417

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU to my Care Team for thinking of me and for the flowers, calls, and visits. I so appreciate it!
– Loretta Bovenkerk

THANK YOU to the people who have been so kind to remember me with cards. They are so enjoyed and appreciated.
– Wayne Deinema

NOMINATING BALLOTS for the **Tuesday, May 9**, Congregational Meeting at 7:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes on the Narthex shelves by **Sunday morning, January 29**.

SMALL GROUP RESTART: As we begin a new year, we are going to restart a small group ministry. This will be a great way to jump start your year alongside your church family. For 90 days (from Monday, January 15 through Easter), small groups of 6-8 people will work through a devotional together. If you're interested in joining a small group for the first quarter of 2023, sign up at the Welcome Center!

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will next meet on **Tuesday, January 10**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework on Session 4, "Trust God's Comfort" pages 71-97 in the study guide and memorize the beautiful words of Isaiah 40:31. At this time, we will also view the Session 4 video and fill in p. 98 in the study guide. We hope you can attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages resumes today, **Sunday, January 8**.

OFFERING ENVELOPES have been issued for 2023 and are in your mail slots. If you should have any questions, please contact Mike Decker at 708-567-5447.

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.

CLOTHING CLOSET: Our Free Clothing Closet will be open on the 2nd Saturday (9:00-11:00am) and 4th Thursday (4:00-6:00pm) of each month beginning on January 26. Please get the word out to anyone you think could be blessed by this resource! Flyers are available from the church office upon request if you want to distribute them at your school, favorite coffeeshop, jobsite, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Pastor Jim.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CELEBRATION will be held on **Saturday, January 14**, at the Spirit of God Fellowship at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to attend! This celebration honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with song and Scripture.

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.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, December 31, 2022

Basket Total: \$9,700.00

Online Total: \$9,090.00

Giving Total: \$18,790.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY TODAY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

First Security: Richard Thornton

SERMON NOTES...

Jeremiah 29:10-14
“God Gives Vision”
Pastor Corey Buchanan



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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