

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Second Sunday After Epiphany, January 15, 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!

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 15, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"A Time for New Beginnings"
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
"O Worship the King"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Bless His Holy Name"
"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"All I Need"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Matthew 6:33

Sermon

"Kingdom Over Everything"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Postlude

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*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 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 Nahria Clark
COFFEE SERVERS: Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens
COOKIE LADIES: Joanne Hoeksema, Ellen Nelson, and Gerri VanBaren

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Church Office and Family Life Daycare Closed for Martin Luther King Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

5:30PM: Worship Team Meeting in the Heritage Room
6:30PM: Denominational Direction Committee in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

GREETERS: Trina Taylor and Robert Wooley
WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Kevin Hessilink
MUSIC TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, & Robert Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Mike & Cindy Nylen
COOKIE LADIES: Barb Grevengoed, Nancy DeVries, and Nyla DeGraff

ON DUTY MONTH OF JANUARY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude
First Security: Richard Thornton

CARE...

Randy Gretz has been transferred to Shirley Ryan Rehab in downtown Chicago to continue recovery from his stroke.

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: Carol Housman, Cedarhurst of Dyer, Room #10, 1763 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Eric and Kelly Bruinsma on the passing of Eric’s father, James Bruinsma, on Sunday, January 8. Visitation will be on Monday, January 16 from noon until the time of the funeral service at 1:30pm at Smits Funeral Homes in Dyer, IN.

WE WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU for being part of the Christmas Angels of HOPE program to support the work of Chicagoland Prison Outreach! Together across the city we reached out to 171 families, 672 children, and provided over 2500 gifts. Those are amazing statistics! God's people were able to demonstrate the Love of Christ to 672 children. This not only impacts the children, but it also impacts those who are incarcerated because it allows them the feeling of being part of their family's celebration even though they are physically separated. We at CPO praise God for this partnership. TOGETHER with God's Help, we are making a difference in the lives of those who are incarcerated, and their families! THANK YOU!

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 175 PATCHWORK QUILT PROJECT: To celebrate our anniversary, we are commissioning a Patchwork Quilt formed from quilt patches from friends and families of First Church. These patches will be available after each Sunday morning service (starting January 22) in the Fellowship Hall. On each patch you can write your name and favorite Bible verse reference. If you are unable to select a patch you can contact the church office (708-333-0622 or office@frcsh.org) to have a patch signed for you. The deadline for your selection is February 26. Be a part of this very special anniversary opportunity in a permanent display of our love for God both today and for all tomorrows.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY will meet on Tuesday, January 24, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework from Session 5, “Trust God’s Commands” pages 101-127 in the study guide and work on memorizing Isaiah 50:10. Hope to see you there!

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.

CORRECTION: Last year’s Trustees voted in were Colin Cutler, Steve DeVries, and Rich Zimmerman. This year two Trustees (not three as your letter stated) are to be nominated for a two-year term. Eligible for re-election are Mark Spiekhout and Don VanDeursen. Your ballots should only have two nominations for trustee. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPING TRIP has been scheduled for August 4-6, 2023 at the Indiana Dunes State Park in Chesterton, IN. The cost for all electric hook-up sites will be \$30/site per night. There will also be a one-time entrance fee of \$12.00 for each vehicle which will be paid individually as you enter the park. To allow us to group our reservations (and our camp sites) together, please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, February 1. Please contact Anthony Bolkema with any questions.

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.

OUR GIFTS...

Year End Gifts for 2022

Basket Total: \$9,700.00
Online Total: \$9,090.00
Giving Total: \$18,790.00

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Basket Total: \$4,291.00
Giving Total: \$4,291.00
(no online this week)
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Basket Total \$17,334.90
Online Total \$3,419.00
Giving Total \$20,753.90
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

SERMON NOTES...

Matthew 6:33
“Kingdom Over Everything”
Pastor Corey Buchanan



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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