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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

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 29, 2023



Welcome...

The season between Christmas and Lent is called Epiphany, a season of celebrating the light of Jesus shining in all places, the blessing of Jesus reaching as far as the curse is found, the Kingdom of Jesus growing and welcoming people from every tribe, race, nation, and tongue.

We're glad to celebrate the light of Jesus with you! For 175 years, First Reformed Church has been working to shine that light in our community, and we're happy to welcome you to worship and fellowship with us today! Whether you've been worshipping here your whole life or this is your first time with us (or with any church), this is the right place for you to be this morning! We needed you to be with our rejoicing band of pilgrim sisters and brothers as we celebrate Jesus together today.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 29, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	<i>“Are You Washed in the Blood?”</i> <i>“More Love to Thee”</i> Meditation on <i>“Showalter”</i>
Welcome & Greeting	Pastor Jim Oord
Congregational Worship	<i>“Sing Praise to the Father”</i> <i>“Majesty”</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema <i>“Create In Me a Clean Heart”</i>
Song of Assurance	<i>“O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 5:12-16
Sermon	“To Proclaim Good News: Reactions to Jesus (2)”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Steve VanderWoude
Offertory	<i>“Create In Me a Clean Heart”</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”</i>
*Postlude	<i>“I Will Praise Him”</i>

*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...

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 has one more chemo treatment this week Wednesday. She then starts 25 radiation treatments for five days a week (Monday-Friday). Please pray for endurance and strength as she tackles these treatments.

Kathy Oord has 4 weeks of chemotherapy remaining, after which she will be scheduled for surgery.

Rachel Wooley has started a new chemotherapy. Please pray that the side effects will be minimal.

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: Barb DeWolf, Village Woods #204, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 22

Basket Total: \$2,072.00; Online Total: \$1,000.00

Giving Total: \$3,072.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY MONTH OF JANUARY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

First Security: Richard Thornton

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Rodger Norris
WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude
PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Don & Noreen VanDeursen
COOKIE LADIES: Diana Abernathy, Trina Taylor, and Merley Verhagen

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room
6:00PM: First Wednesday Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall

COMMUNION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Cindy Nylen
WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Mike Decker
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, and Robert Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Rog & Laurel DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE LADIES: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 5:12-16
“To Proclaim Good News: Reactions to Jesus (2)”
Pastor James Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU to our First Church family for your cards and prayers for my mom, Lula Brown, during her continued treatments of breast cancer. – Felicia Flowers

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Trish Paarlberg and the family of Randy Gretz, who passed away on Saturday, January 21. Services and interment will be held in East Hampton, New York, on Saturday, February 4. A memorial service will be held here in South Holland on Saturday, May 13.

MEDIEVAL TIMES: In March of 2020, we had 38 people signed up to attend a fellowship event at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Schaumburg, IL. COVID prevented us from enjoying that event together at that time, but it has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 18**, at 7:00pm. The night will feature a two-hour live medieval knight show (including jousting, falconry, and horsemanship) as well as a four-course medieval feast (including soup, garlic bread, potato, chicken, corn on the cob, drinks, and dessert). Make it a date night or bring the whole family along. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$30 for children ages 3- 12. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers.

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 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@frch.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 and each other both today and for all tomorrows.

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 **TODAY**.

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.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, February 14**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. We will be watching the Session 5 video on our study of Isaiah, “Trusting God’s Commands.” As it is Valentine’s Day, come for a treat or two as well! See you there!

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 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.

AS A PART OF CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S EXTENDED COMMUNITY, we welcome you and your congregation to an upcoming event that we are co-hosting with several other area Christian Schools. We are excited to welcome Christian author & speaker, Bob Goff, for an event we call Fusion (a joint fundraiser and community gathering) on **Saturday, April 29** at 7:00pm at Bethel Church in Crown Point, IN. Tickets, event information, and information on Bob Goff (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fusion-bob-goff-tickets-466633863447>). General Admission Adult: \$30; General Admission Student (18 and under): \$15; VIP (includes early entrance, preferred seating, meet and greet/photo opportunity with Bob Goff, 2 books (1 signed), 2 tickets, Q & A submission): \$250.

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!