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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

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Communion Sunday, February 5, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 5, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	<i>"Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet"</i> <i>"Psalm 31"</i> <i>"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i>
Welcome & Greeting	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Congregational Worship	<i>"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"</i> <i>"We Will Glorify"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"I Won't Go Back"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Luke 5:17-26
Sermon	"To Proclaim Good News: Reactions to Jesus (3)"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	<i>"Behold the Lamb"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Steve VanderWoude
Offertory	<i>"I Stand Amazed"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"</i>
*Postlude	<i>"Lead Me, Guide Me"</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...

Don VanDeursen is scheduled to have a heart procedure done at Rush Hospital this Tuesday, February 7. Pray for good results.

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

Jan Nelson continues in physical therapy due to her fall.

Norma Knopf has completed her chemo. She will be starting radiation treatments five days a week in the near future. Please pray for endurance and strength as she tackles these treatments.

Kathy Oord has 2 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: Mary Thompson, 16418 S. Dobson Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 29

Basket Total: \$8,019.25; Online Total: \$1,710.00
Giving Total: \$9,729.25
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY MONTH OF JANUARY...

First Emergency: Erick Carter
First Security: Mike Costello

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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 VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30AM: Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30AM: DNA meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Don DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Austin Parks, Nolan Bolkema, Matthew Rietveld, Abby Veldboom, and Rachel Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengoed and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Grace Jacobsma, Raylene Oord, and Chandra Ondrejka

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 5:17-26
“To Proclaim Good News: Reactions to Jesus (3)”
Pastor James Oord

CHURCH LIFE...

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Trish Paarlberg and the family of Randy Gretz, who passed away on Saturday, January 21. Services and interment were 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.

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. 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.

LENT 2023: Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday, beginning the season of Lent, the time of year we orient our hearts toward repentance and new growth as we remember the sacrifice of Christ. Every Wednesday from February 22 until Easter at 6:00pm will be a special Lenten midweek service held in the chapel. Mark your calendars.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE/SOUP SUPPER (February 22). Join us for a time of worship and stay for a Soup Supper following the service as we begin the Lenten Season together. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to make your favorite soups. Please sign-up at the Welcome Centers or call the church office at 333.0622. Also, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are joining us for the evening.



All Wednesday services will be in the chapel at 6:00pm except for our March 1, First Wednesday Fellowship meal. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

-  Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday Service followed by the Soup Supper
-  Wednesday, March 1: First Wednesday Fellowship (meal, but no service)
-  Wednesday, March 8: Lenten Worship Service
-  Wednesday, March 15: Examen Bible Study
-  Wednesday, March 22: Lenten Prayer Service
-  Wednesday, March 29: Examen Bible Study

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7: Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 9: Easter Service for all ages at 9:30am