

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
OF SOUTH HOLLAND
Second Sunday of Lent
Communion Sunday, March 5, 2023



Welcome...

In 1973, Rev. Reinhold Krone, who served as our Minister of Education and Youth, wrote: "The times have changed greatly, but the mission through the total span of First Church's history has always been the same: to tell others of our Savior."

50 years later, we're still at the same work - telling others about our Savior Jesus Christ and growing together in His grace.

We're glad you're here with us today as we worship and meet the One who walks with us on life's journeys. Through all the changing scenes of life, He will never let us go. At First Church, you'll find an adventurous community of fellow travelers pointing each other to Jesus as we walk.

COMMUNION SUNDAY
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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	Steve DeVries
Welcome & Greeting	Pastor Jim Oord
Congregational Worship	<i>"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i> <i>"Praise the Name of Jesus"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>"He Will Hold Me Fast"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-18
Sermon	"Covenant: God Draws Close and Makes a Covenant of Blood"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Jim Oord
Offertory	Steve DeVries
*Gloria Patri	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"O How He Loves You & Me"</i>
*Postlude	Steve DeVries
*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...

Mike Hoeksema has begun rehab at Rush Hospital.

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 soon. Please pray for endurance and strength as she tackles these treatments.

Kathy Oord has completed her chemotherapy and is waiting to be scheduled for surgery.

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

Wendy Buchanan (Pastor Corey’s sister) is recovering from back surgery she had on Friday, March 3.

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

Lula Brown, Felicia Flowers’ mother, has breast cancer and continues her recovery from surgery.

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, has completed her treatments for lung cancer. She is in a monitoring stage and will be tested again in the future.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Senior Living #409, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 26

Basket Total: \$1,758.00

Online Total: \$1,750.00

Giving Total: \$3,508.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 5

GREETERS: Robert Wooley and Aaron Wooley
WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Mike Decker
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Austin Parks, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Pastor James Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Mike & Cindy Nylen
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen
OASIS: 6:30-8:00PM

MONDAY, MARCH 6

6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Liam VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Trina Taylor
PROJECTION: Tiffany Buchanan
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
MUSIC TEAM: Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, Matthew Rietveld, and Robert Wooley
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Nancy DeVries, and Barb Grevengood

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK our church family for all their thoughts and prayers this past month with Don's surgeries. God is good! – Don & Noreen VanDeursen

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're starting a series of "Getting to Know You" slides where our church family can meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. We'll be starting with members of our staff but stay tuned... maybe you'll be interviewed next!

LENT 2023 began with Ash Wednesday. It is the time of year we orient our hearts toward repentance and new growth as we remember the sacrifice of Christ. Mark your calendars.



All Wednesday services will be in the chapel at 6:00pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers and join us!



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

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.

ILLIANA BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEERS are hosting a fun Spring Luncheon at Smits Farms, located at 3437 Sauk Trail, Chicago Heights, IL, on **Thursday, March 23**, at 11:30am. You will learn about the impact of the Bible League ministry around the world, enjoy a beautiful setting and great laughs with local comedian, Tracy De Graaf. Tickets are \$30. Deadline is March 16. Contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill for tickets.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES for all ages from 11:10am-noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

Preschool - 5th grade meets in the Genesis Room

6th - 8th grade meets in the Chapel

Tibstra House meets in the Heritage Room

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet for the last session of their study of Isaiah on **Tuesday, March 21**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the homework for Session 7, "Trust God's Coming," pgs. 159-181 in the study guide. We will be viewing the Session 7 video, as well and working on memorizing Isaiah 64:4. Hope you can attend.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on **Sunday, March 12**. Please set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor; First Security: Barry Voss

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-18

“Covenant: God Draws Close and Makes a Covenant of Blood”

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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