

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF SOUTH HOLLAND

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023



Welcome...

Christ is risen; he is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Eastertide is the 50-day period beginning with Easter Sunday and ending with the celebration of Pentecost. How beautiful that the Church's celebration of

New Life and Resurrection aligns with the season of Spring here in the Northern Hemisphere. As one hymn puts it, "See, the spring of souls today, Christ has burst death's prison!" Just as the dreary drab cold of winter bursts into green new life around us, we experience the life-giving power of the gospel as we meet Jesus here.

For 175 years, First Reformed Church has been a place celebrating the "spring of souls" that we find in Jesus. So, whether you've been worshipping here for 90+ years, whether this is your first time here, whether you're old or young, a lifelong Christian or someone seeking answers to life's questions, this is a place to meet Jesus, our risen Lord, and find new life, abundant life, changed life, meaningful life in him.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"When I Survey"

"Thine is the Glory"

"Christ Has Arisen"

Opening Acclamation

Matthew 28:1-6

Opening Song of Worship

"Set Free Your Alleluia!" – Chancel Choir

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"Praise the King"

"Forever"

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Rejoicing

"Christ is Risen"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43

Sermon

"Covenant: The New Covenant is Here!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Congregational Song

"Christ Arose!"

*Benediction

*Closing Song of Worship

"Hallelujah Chorus"

*Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*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...

Bev Van Dommelen fell and broke her leg last week. She requests prayers for full recovery.

Carol Barnes broke her hip while in Florida and is in rehab at Buffalo Crossing Assisted Living, 3875 Watchwood Lane, Room 145 in The Villages, FL.

Barb DeWolf has pneumonia and is experiencing a slow recovery at Village Woods, Rm. 514.

Anne Koval is recovering from back surgery she had on Thursday, April 6 at Ingalls Hospital to help alleviate her pain.

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

Norma Knopf has started her radiation treatments.

Kathy Oord is recovering from surgery at home. She will now need four-to-six weeks of radiation treatments.

Rachel Wooley's tumor in the colon is gone. The tumors in the liver are now being treated with immunotherapy and chemotherapy.

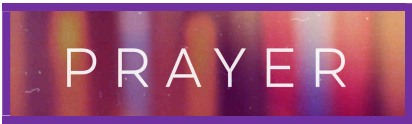
Pray for **Marsha Pilipow** as she tends to the health of her aging mother, Patricia, whose medical condition has gotten worse.

Lula Brown, Felicia Flowers' mother, is recovering from breast cancer surgery.

Christopher Nelson continues in a monitoring stage watching for new lump growth.

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



UP & COMING AT FIRST...

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Steve VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Rachel Wooley
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Kevin Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Koster, Raylene Oord, and Alison VanderWoude

MONDAY, APRIL 10

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
7:00PM: 2nd Quarterly Consistory meeting in the Heritage Room
7:30PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Trina Taylor
WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nate Housman, Julia Keep, and Matthew Rietveld
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Cindy Nylen
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Amber Fransen, and Grace Jacobsma

CHURCH LIFE...

LEAN IN 2023: Our annual congregational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 9**, beginning at 6:00pm. This year's meeting will include a fellowship meal as we meet (this will be in lieu of our First Wednesday Fellowship Meal)! Our theme will be "Lean In 2023." Important information and ideas will be shared as we celebrate our 175th anniversary and look forward to an exciting future of ministry. We will also approve a church budget and elect elders, deacons, and trustees (eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age). Stay tuned for more details! Sign up at the welcome centers if you plan to attend this important meeting.

MEATBALL PARTY: To prepare for our "Lean In 2023" Congregational Meeting, we will be holding a "meatball-making party" on **Saturday, April 22**, from 9:00-11:00am, so we can provide a delicious spaghetti-and-meatball dinner for the meeting. Sign up if you're able to come help with this fun morning in the kitchen.

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!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! Sunday School will continue next week for all ages from 11:10am-noon

ON DUTY FOR APRIL...

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

First Security: Richard Thornton

OUR GIFTS...

Palm Sunday, April 2

Basket Total: \$10,174.00

Online Total: \$1,530.00

Giving Total: \$11,704.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

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!

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN DAY CARE will be closed from Friday, April 7 through Friday, April 14 for their Spring break.

AREA REMINDERS...

JOIN CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL as we celebrate the unfolding story of God's children at CCS and invest in its future. Evening for Calvin: **Friday, April 14** - tickets available at eveningforcalvin.eventbrite.com.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: Join us on **Thursday, May 4** at 7:30am at Spirit of God Fellowship, 16350 State Street. In observance of the National Day of Prayer, the South Holland Ministerial Association is hosting the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Join Mayor De Graff and South Holland pastors as they pray for our Village, State, and Nation. Rev. Roy Patterson from Moody Bible Institute is the keynote speaker. Admission is \$5 at the door.

COME READY TO SING! The Men of A-Chord is pleased to announce their annual "Night of Song." The concert will be on **Saturday May 6**, at 7pm at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of South Holland located at 16248 South Park Avenue. The concert this year will include the Singing Crusaders of Kalamazoo, MI. Each choir will sing their own selections, and several songs together as a mass chorus. There will be plenty of audience participation for you to choose your favorite hymns! A free will offering will be taken. For information, please see our website at www.menofachord.org.

THE 29TH CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET will be held on **Tuesday, May 16**. It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Reception starts at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by Monday, May 1, to office@cpoministries.org or by phone to Noreen at the CPO office 708-331-3301.

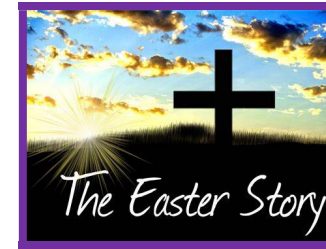
SERMON NOTES...

“Covenant: The New Covenant is Here!”

Acts 10:34-43

Rev. James Oord

PRAYER ROOM: Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.



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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