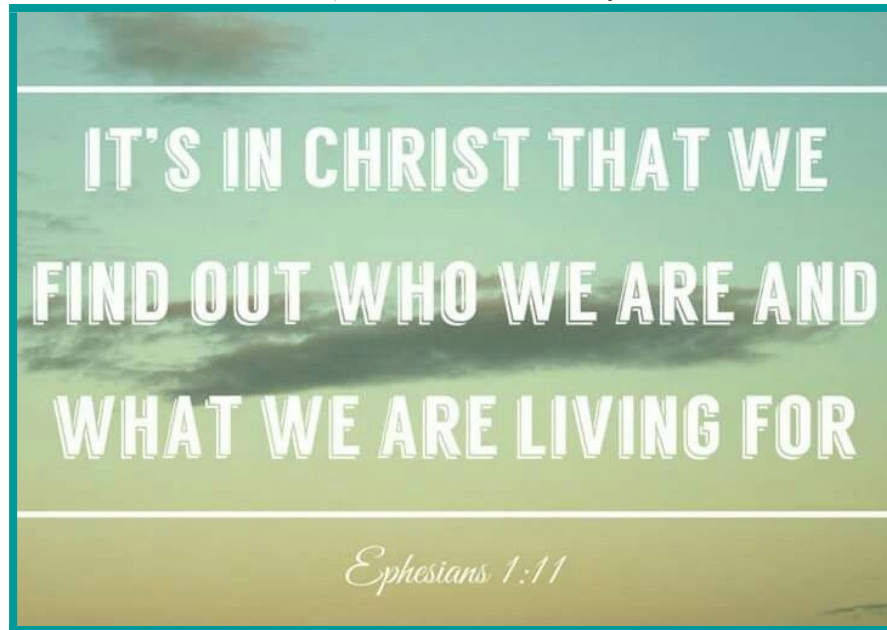


# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Second Sunday of Easter, April 16, 2023



## Welcome...

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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 16, 2023

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*  
*"May the Mind of Christ"*  
*"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

*"Christ is Alive!"*  
*"Living Hope"*  
*"You Deserve It"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

*"Christ Our Hope in Life & Death"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ephesians 1:11-14

Sermon

"In Him"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

*"Resting in Jesus"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Sending in Grace

*"Because He Lives"*

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...

**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.

**Anne Koval** is home and recovering from back surgery she had on Thursday, April 6 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 treatment for lung cancer. She is in a monitoring stage and will be tested again in the future.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer, #221, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

OUR GIFTS...

Easter Sunday, April 9

Basket Total: \$4,706.00; Online Total: \$3,630.00

Giving Total: \$8,336.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR APRIL...

**First Emergency:** Tiffany Buchanan

**First Security:** Richard Thornton

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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 Gerri VanBaren

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Rodger & Sherry Norris and Cindy Nylen

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Mary Bosman, Amber Fransen, and Grace Jacobsma

**6:30 – 8:00PM:** Oasis meets

MONDAY, APRIL 17

**7:30PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

**7:00PM:** Day Care Board Meeting in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

**GREETERS:** Cindy Nylen and Rodger Norris

**WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, and Robert Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Izzy Veldboom

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Felicia Flowers, Dorothy Jacobsma, and Chandra Ondrejka

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THANK YOU!** So many of our shut-ins, widows, and senior members have reached out to the church office to share their thanks and gratitude to the deacons, who delivered 30 Easter lilies on Palm Sunday. Our deacons do this annually to extend the care and connection of our church family to those who can't always be with us on Sunday mornings. The prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and encouragement are so important!

**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 our 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!

**SUMMER BOOK CLUB:** Over the summer, we will be reviving our Book Club for the months of June, July, and August. Books will be distributed at the beginning of the month; we will meet to discuss what we've read on the last Sunday of each month, following our church service. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you'd like to join us!

**COOKIE DUTY MEMBERS:** Please look in your mailbox for the next 4 months schedule for your cookie duty. Thank you.

**CLOTHING CLOSET DRIVE:** From now until Mother's Day (Sunday, May 17), we will be collecting items for our Free Clothing Closet. We are working on creating menstrual hygiene packs which will need the following items: tampons of various strengths, pads, small packs of wipes, individual-sized hand sanitizers, small bottles of pain relievers. In addition, we are *always* looking to stock up on deodorant, toothbrushes, new socks (in packaging), and new underwear (in packaging). Please consider donating one or more of these items! Donations can be placed on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

- All children from preschool to- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Genesis Room for a time of singing and celebration. They will be dismissed to their classrooms from there.
- 6th - 8th grade meets in the Chapel
- Tibstra House meets in the Heritage Room

## AREA REMINDERS...

**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.

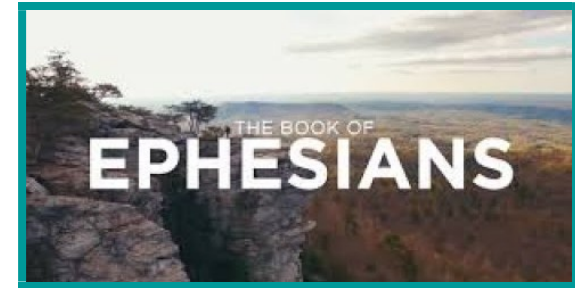
**THE 29<sup>TH</sup> CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH BANQUET** will be held on **Tuesday, May 16**. It will be held at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Reception starts at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please RSVP by Monday, May 1, to [office@cpoministries.org](mailto:office@cpoministries.org)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

**SAVE THE DATE:** **Saturday, September 23**, is the Elim Dutch Festival. Please think of ways in which you can be part of this wonderful ministry serving children and adults with disabilities. We will need volunteers that day, baked or candy goodies, craft items, or any type of donation is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Judy Gill or Lynn Hoeksema.

***SERMON NOTES...***

Ephesians 1:11-14  
“In Him”  
Pastor Corey Buchanan

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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*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

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*Director of Family Life  
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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