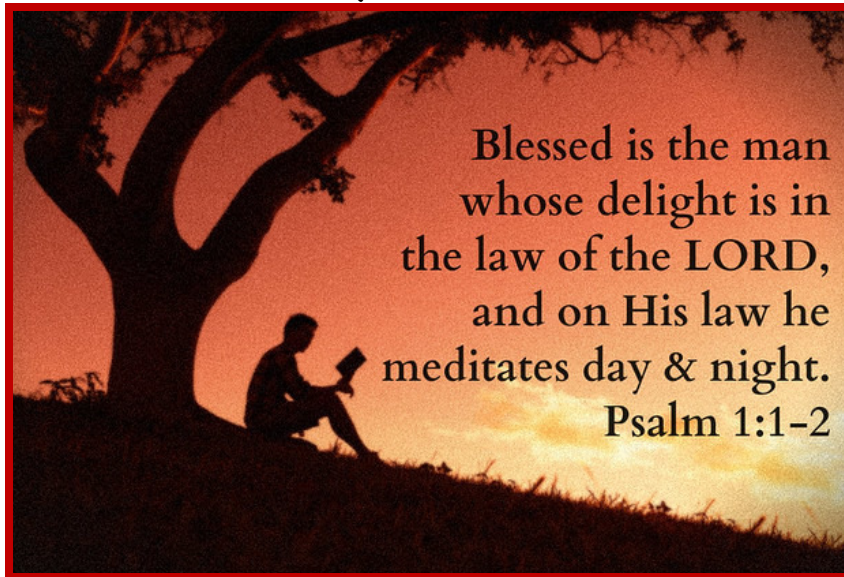


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 21, 2023



Welcome...

Today is the Feast of Pentecost. 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection, his followers gathered in an upper room and received the Holy Spirit, symbolized by tongues of fire and a sudden gust of wind. This marked the arrival of the Comforter and Advocate Christ promised.

The Holy Spirit equipped the disciples to spread the good news of Jesus to people of every tribe, tongue, and nation that day. And the same Spirit continues to work today to do the same things!

Pentecost is a day we celebrate the gift of the Spirit given to followers of Jesus as we see the Kingdom spreading, bringing blessing as far as the curse is found.

It's that same Holy Spirit who brought you to worship with us today and we're glad you're here! Let's celebrate

DAY OF PENTECOST
May 28, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
"Come Down, O Love Divine"
"The Comforter Has Come"

Opening Song of Worship

"Your Spirit"

Welcome & Greeting

Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Come, Thou Almighty King"
"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Wybren Oord

Song of Consecration:

"Spirit of the Living God"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #53; Psalm 1, Galatians 5:1; 16-23

Sermon

New Covenant Realities: "The Fruit of the Spirit"

Song of Response:

"Fruit of the Spirit"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Cindy Nylen

Offertory

"When Peace Like a River" – *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

*Doxology

*Benediction

Rev. Wybren Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Spirit of the Living God"

Postlude

"Dwell In Me O Blessed Spirit"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MAY 28

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Don VanBaren

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Daniel Day, Julia Keep, Lisa Triemstra, and Rachel Wooley

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Cindy Nylen

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, and Joanne Hoeksema

MONDAY, MAY 29

CHURCH OFFICE AND FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN DAY CARE CLOSED

11:00AM: Memorial Day Parade

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JUNE 4

GREETERS: Lucas VanderWoude and Steve VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Trina Taylor

WORSHIP TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Lisa Triemstra and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN & PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris and Nikki Nyhanna

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for your prayers, cards and well wishes during my time of healing.
I am very thankful for my church family! - Norma Knoph

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 Centers.

LEAN IN 2023: As discussed at the congregational meeting (if you weren't there, talk to a pastor or elder), we are asking everyone to re-sign up for various volunteer positions, under the headings of "Welcome," "Worship," "Dig In," and "Reach Out." We need the help of every member of the congregation to "lean in" and commit to the continuing ministry and mission of First Reformed Church as we grow together in the grace of Christ. Sign-ups are located in the Fellowship Hall. Re-commit to the ministries you're already involved in and/or get involved in something new! Let's lean in and live out!

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL & DAY CARE GRADUATION is scheduled for **Friday, June 2**, at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. All First Church members are invited to come and support our families in the Family Life Day Care Program.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're continuing 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!

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 21

Basket Total: \$7,705.00; Online Total: \$2,325.00

Gift in memory of Randy Gretz: \$550.00

Giving Total: \$10,580.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR MAY 28...

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Mike Costello

REMINDERS...

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

PLEASE 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.

AREA REMINDERS...

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will be held this **Monday, May 29**, at 11:00am. The parade begins at South Park Avenue and 170th Street, heading north to Veterans Memorial Park. This parade is to honor those in the United States military who have risked their lives for all of us. Following the parade, there will be a remembrance ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

YOU ARE INVITED to join Unity Christian Academy in the Commencement Ceremony honoring the Class of 2023. It will be held on Friday, June 2 at 10:00am in the new UCA Sanctuary located at 700 E. 170th St., South Holland, IL. We are also pleased to announce the promotion of Amy Veldboom to Head of Operations of Unity Christian Academy.

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, Lynn Hoeksema, or Tricia Paarlberg.

DONATE YOUR EXPIRED EYEWEAR to someone in need. All donations go to the South Holland Lions Club for ‘Healthy Vision Month.’ Your donation can be dropped off to the South Holland Public Library at the Circulation Desk or at our Welcome Centers for the month of May.

SERMON NOTES...

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A #53; Psalm 1, Galatians 5:1; 16-23
New Covenant Realities: “The Fruit of the Spirit”
Rev. Wybren 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

CARE...

Ruth DeBoer continues in Franciscan Hospital in Munster with a broken vertebrae due to a fall. She has also contracted pneumonia.

Grace Jacobsma is now home recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

Bev Van Dommelen continues her recovery from a broken leg.

Carol Barnes continues in rehab in Florida due to a broken hip.

Marla Owens will be having Oral Surgery, Tuesday, May 30. Please pray the surgery will go well.

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

Kathy Oord has started four 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.

Pray for Mike and Pam Costello's son, **Sean**, who had spinal surgery. Following surgery, Sean developed a large blood clot above his lungs, complicating recovery. Sean has now moved to rehab but is still experiencing a lot of pain. Please pray for complete healing, and for Sean to regain full lower body movement.

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

Dianne Gruger, Megan DeYoung's mother, has completed her treatment for lung cancer. She continues in a monitoring stage. She is recovering from eye surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY New address: Arleta Hommes, Valparaiso Senior Living, Memory Care Unit, 74 Porter Campus Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383