

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Communion, July 2, 2023



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him"
"I Will Enter His Gates"
"Be Exalted, O God"
"I'm A Child of the King"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

"O Worship the King"
"You Are My Strength"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"I Will Trust in the Lord"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalms 21

Sermon

"How's Your Heart?: Protected By the King"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Till We Meet Again"

*Postlude

"God of Our Fathers"

*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...

Lois Van Vuren underwent medical tests this past Monday. These tests concluded she would need heart surgery. Please pray for Lois as she awaits surgery, which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12.

Carol Barnes has been moved to Arden Courts in South Holland, Room #16. Pray for a smooth transition.

Ruth DeBoer is at Park Place (Room #111) in St. John for rehab.

Bev Van Dommelen continues her recovery from a broken leg.

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

Kathy Oord has completed her final week of daily radiation. She has this week off before starting her next round of treatments.

Rachel Wooley's tumors in the liver are now being treated with immunotherapy and chemotherapy.

Anne Koval's son-in-law, **Andy Applebee**, had a biking accident and has multiple fractures and injuries on his right side.

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

Please continue to pray for **Sean Costello's** recovery from spinal surgery and for Mike and Pam as they continue to care for Sean and bring him to doctor visits and rehab sessions.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Anne Koval, 713 East 156th Place, South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, June 25

Basket Total: \$5,525.00; Online Total: \$1,350.00

Giving Total: \$6,875.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR JULY...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

First Security: Barry Voss

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JULY 2

GREETERS: Cindy Nysten and Rodger Norris

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Rachel Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

COFFEE SERVERS: Trina Taylor, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, JULY 3

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, JULY 4

8:00AM: Prayer at the Gates (see announcement)

Church Office & Family Life Day Care Closed

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

FRIDAY, JULY 7

9:00AM: OASIS leaves for the Deep River Water Park

SATURDAY, JULY 8

9-11:00AM: Clothing Closet open in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, JULY 9

GREETERS: Steve and Lucas VanderWoude; **WELCOME CENTER:** Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris, and Cindy Nysten

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Barb Grevengoed, and Lisa Triemstra

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CONGRATULATIONS IS EXTENDED to Pastor Corey and Tiffany Buchanan on the birth of their daughter, Victory Rosalynn, on Tuesday, June 27, at Franciscan Olympia Fields Hospital.

TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST CHURCH: We echo the words of Paul to the Thessalonians, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." Your love, encouragement, and support of us have been overwhelming and humbling. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, meals, and tokens of kindness offered on our behalf as we walk this cancer journey. This past week Kathy finished her final week of radiation. It has been a rough 6 weeks, but God has seen us through. In one week, she will begin a treatment regime of pills which will hopefully work to suppress the cancer for a time. We covet your continued prayers and support as we go through the coming days. We continue to be held fast by our sovereign Heavenly Father and rely on His strength to carry us through. Great is His faithfulness!

- He will hold us fast, Rev. Wybren & Kathy Oord

BRATS, BONFIRES, and BANANA SPLITS: Join us on **Saturday, July 15**, from 6:00-8:00pm for an evening of food and fellowship in the backyard at church. We will light a couple bonfires, pull out some pre-cooked brats (and hotdogs) for you to roast over the fire, and have all the fixin's for banana splits (and probably for s'mores, too)! Be sure to bring your own chairs. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to attend!

PROFESSION OF FAITH: Beginning in July, we will be holding a profession of faith class. Profession of faith is when someone who was baptized as an infant, stands before the congregation, and says, "This is my church home and Jesus is my Savior: I belong with Jesus and with this congregation." Talk to Jim or Anthony if you have any questions!

FOR THIS COMING WEEK, Pastor Jim can be found in the following places from 1:00-3:00pm if you want to stop by to share a cup of coffee/tea and have a conversation or just hang out. Monday, Starbucks (South Holland location); Wednesday, Soho Sweets. Of course, you can feel free to text, email, or call if there's another time you'd like to meet.

JOIN US FOR A GARY RAILCATS BASEBALL GAME on **Wednesday, August 23**, at 6:45pm. Tickets are \$13/person, which includes a \$5 voucher for concessions or merchandise. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to attend!

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!

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!

PRAYER AT THE GATES: Every July 4th, the South Holland Ministerial Association organizes a "Prayer at the Gates" event. A local church or ministry meets at each entrance to South Holland at 8:00am to cover our community, our leaders, our first responders, and our nation in prayer. This meaningful and powerful event is a great way to start the holiday! Our church's location is at the corner of 154th Street and South Park Avenue (meet in the parking lot on the west side of South Park). We hope to see you there on Tuesday, July 4th, at 8:00am!

JOIN US THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY for the Village of South Holland's annual 4th of July Celebration on **Tuesday, July 4!** This year's event will be broken into two parts, both of which take place in Veterans Memorial Park. From noon-4pm, enjoy a fun-filled day that features food, live music, and a slew of fun activities. The park will close from 5:00pm to 6:00pm to prepare for the fireworks show. Then, finish the evening with a spectacular fireworks show!

Here are the musical acts performing at the park throughout the day:

🎵 **Noon-1:00pm:** South Holland Municipal Band

🎵 **2:00-4:00pm:** Return2Soul

🎵 **7:00-9:00pm:** Chicago Skyliners Big Band with legendary vocalist Wayne Messmer

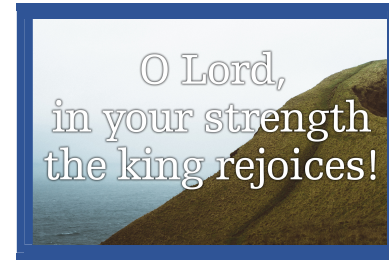
SERMON NOTES...

Psalm 21

“How’s Your Heart?: Protected By the King”

Pastor Jim 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