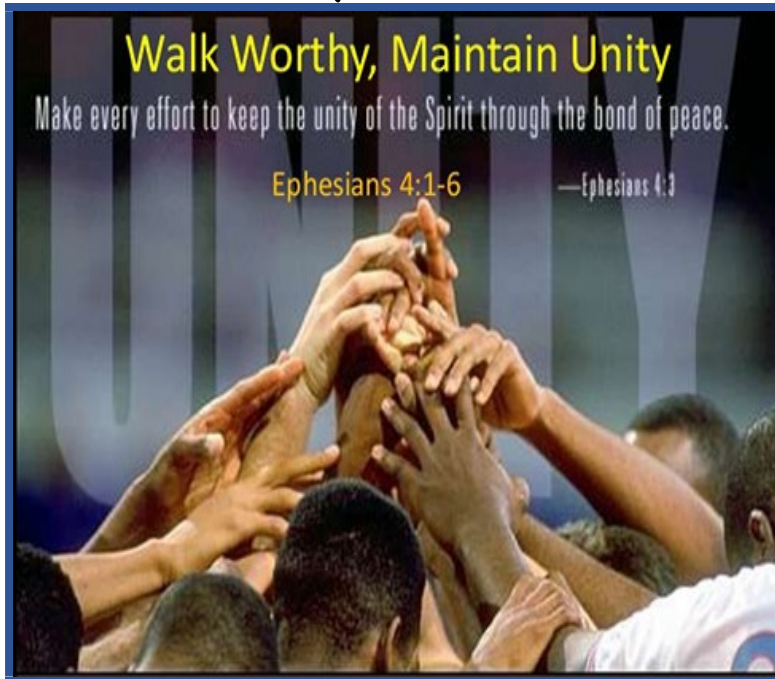


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 9, 2023



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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
"Once to Every Man and Nation"
"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
"Lord, I Need You"
"Goodness of God"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Amazing Grace"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Sermon

"Eager to Unite"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Till We Meet Again"

*Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

*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 will be having heart surgery on Wednesday, July 12. Please pray for successful surgery.

Clifton Rhodes has started 2 months of daily radiation treatments for prostate cancer.

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

Ruth DeBoer has been able to return to Village Woods.

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 radiation treatments and is now starting pill treatment and therapy.

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: Lois VanVuren, Symphony of Dyer, Room C201, 1532 Calumet Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 2

Basket Total: \$7,246.00; Online Total: \$1,875.00
Giving Total: \$9,121.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JULY 9

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude 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 Nylen

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Barb Grevengoe, and Cindy Nylen

MONDAY, JULY 10

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

9:30AM: Knitters & Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: 3rd Quarterly Consistory meeting in the Genesis Room

8:00PM: Elders & Deacon meetings

SATURDAY, JULY 15

6:00PM: Brats, Bonfires, and Banana Splits in the backyard at church

SUNDAY, JULY 16

GREETERS: Cindy Nylen and Jim DeGroot; WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord

WORSHIP TEAM: Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gail Housman, Mary Paulton, and Ellen Nelson

CHURCH LIFE...

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!

FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS, 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); Tuesday, Pastor Rich's back deck (15958 Parkside Avenue); Wednesday, the Church Office; and Thursday, Soho Sweets. Of course, you can remain 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!

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars to join us on **9/9** from 5:00-8:00pm for a special 175th anniversary celebration. More details will be coming soon!

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS...

THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH HOLLAND will be holding CRUISE NIGHT on **Saturday, July 29** at 4:00-8:00pm on South Park Ave & 161st Street. Bring the family out and take a walk down South Park Avenue to view all kinds of vehicles—classic, antique, custom and exotic. The first 100 cars on display will receive a complimentary dash plaque. In addition, Cruise Night features live music, food vendors, yard games, and inflatables. Attendees can also enter a drawing for gas card giveaways! This event is free to all vehicle owners and spectators (food is available for purchase).

JOIN US FOR THE SOUTH HOLLAND FUN RUN 5K on **Saturday, September 16** at 7:00am in Veterans Memorial Park, 500 East 160th Place. This run/walk includes new and fun surprises along the course and in the park before and after the race. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes or accessories. This year's event raises money for Tabitha House for Women, located in South Holland. Participants receive a race bag filled with a race shirt and many trinkets and goodies. Everyone who finishes will receive a medal, and prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. For more information and to register go to southholland.org. Register by July 23 to guarantee you receive your desired T-shirt size and to take advantage of the early bird-discount!

ON DUTY FOR JULY...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

First Security: Barry Voss

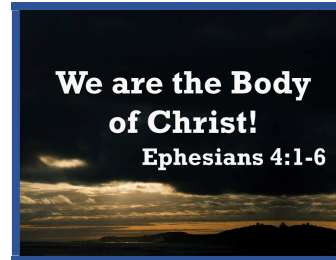
SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Ephesians 4:1-6

“Eager to Unite”

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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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

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Gerri VanBaren
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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.