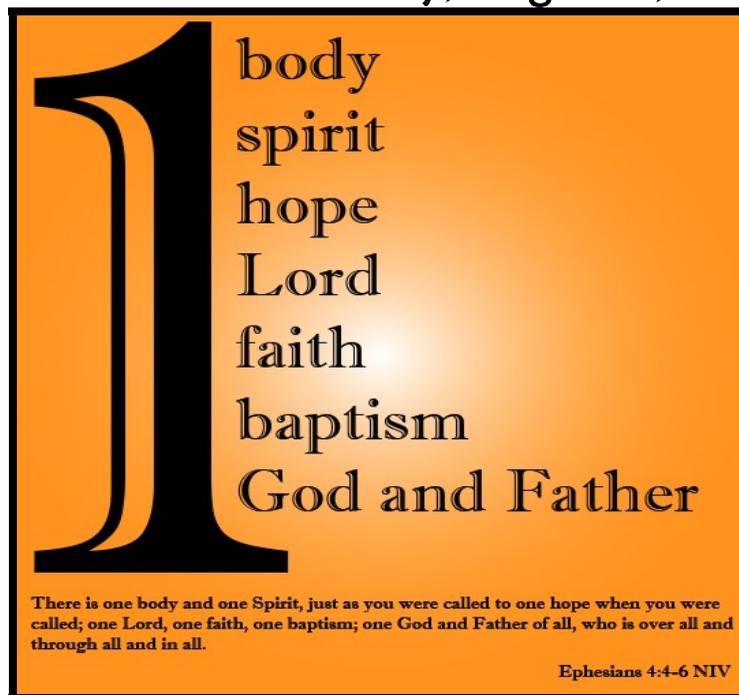


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Communion Sunday, August 6, 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.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Communion Sunday, August 6, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*“Almighty King: My Vision”
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

*“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”*

Prayer of Confession

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Song of Assurance

“Nothing But the Blood”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ephesians 4:4-6

Sermon

“The Fourth Closing”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Wybren Oord

Offertory

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

*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...

Robert Wooley is recovering from a bone spur surgery he underwent on Friday, August 4.

Don VanDeursen fell and damaged his knee and cracked a rib. He has a knee brace. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Lois Van Vuren's heart surgery has been cancelled as further testing is needed.

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

Craig Nelson is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Bev Van Dommelen is in physical therapy now twice a week.

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

Kathy Oord's cancer is now being treated through pill treatments and therapy.

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

Tommie Doss, mother of Ruth Maxie, is a patient at St. Margaret Hospital in Dyer.

Anne Koval's son-in-law, **Andy Applebee**, is home recovering from his injuries and has started therapy.

Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan, will be starting another six weeks of chemo due to lymphoma.

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

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: Don & Myrna Eytcheson, 17324 Greenwood Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 30

Basket Total: \$6,007.00; Online Total: \$1,210.00

Giving Total: \$7,217.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...

First Emergency: Mary Decker; **First Security:** Rich Thornton

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

GREETERS: Don DeGraff and Trina Taylor

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Daniel Day, Adeline Larsen, Bella VanderWoude, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

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

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

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

10:30AM: OASIS Day at the Dunes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Austin Parks, Matthew Rietveld

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Grace Jacobsma, Raylene Oord, and Alison VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

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! Money for tickets can be given to the church office. Make checks payable to First Reformed Church.

UNITY SERVICES: Our Elders are excited to announce two special "Unity Services." On August 27, our entire congregation will travel to worship at Grace Church in Lansing (2740 Indiana Avenue, Lansing, IL). Rides will be available if needed. On September 10, the entire congregation of Grace Church will come to worship with us. More details to follow as we eagerly anticipate these opportunities to share unity and fellowship in Christ.

THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY PATCHWORK QUILT IS FINISHED! After six months of planning and participation, the commemorative quilt is here. 196 patches make up the 5' by 7' quilt that bears some 100 signed squares from church members and friends. A special word of thanks to Becky Wright, Judy Gill, Terry Dieck, and Barb Magerl for some 100 hours of their work in completing this special project. Let the celebration continue for our church's time in history and beyond!

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH and THE EXODUS PROJECTS are coming together for an Inaugural Golf Tournament on **Wednesday, August 23**, with a 9:00am shotgun start at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood. Join us for a morning of golf, stay for a delicious buffet, and learn a little more about CPO and The Exodus Projects! Reserve your spot by Monday, August 7. Visit www.theexodusprojects.org/golf to register online. See Nikki Nyhanna for more information.

PLEASE JOIN US as the First Church Ladies' Bible Study begins its new season on Tuesday, September 26th, at 10:00 am in The Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Kickoff Brunch, handing out the new study guide, and watching the first video of our study by Margaret Feinberg entitled "Revelation-Extravagant Hope." If you have been hesitant about studying the book of Revelation, join us as we learn about God's promises, His hope for the future, and His rest for the weary. The cost of the study guide is \$18.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Sept 5 if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. Hope you can attend!

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!

COOKIE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, please check your mailboxes for the Cookie Schedule for the next 4 months. Thank you for being such an integral part of our hospitality and fellowship. You are loved and appreciated!



CHOSEN SEASON 2 OPPORTUNITY!

This fall, we invite you to once again come out every other Wednesday to watch *The Chosen, Season 2* together. *The Chosen* is a carefully researched and well-made dramatization of the life of Jesus as told in the biblical gospels. If you didn't watch season 1 with us last year, you're still welcome to come! You can catch up on

season 1 for free online (or ask the church office about DVDs you can borrow). This study will begin on **Wednesday, September 6**, and will include a meal at 6:00pm and run every other Wednesday until we finish Season 2. The episode screening will be followed by discussion and a deeper dig into the Bible's stories of the life of Jesus. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

Mark your calendars for these future exciting fellowship times!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS & STUDY NIGHTS

Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 18, Nov. 1, 15, & 29 and Dec. 13

6:00 – 7:30pm

Dec. 6: First Christmas Party (no study)

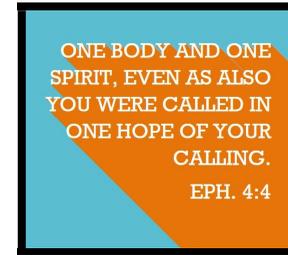
SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Corey Buchanan

“Ephesians 4:4-6

“The Fourth Closing”

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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Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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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.