

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, August 13, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Come Thour Fount of Every Blessing"
"Variations of Psalm 25"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Singing

"Sing Praise to the Lord"
"A Mighty Fortress"
"I Am Trusting"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"My God Is All I Need"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 25

Sermon

"How's Your Heart? Trusting for Deliverance and Relief"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*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...

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Ruth Maxie**. Her mother, Tommie Doss, passed away on Monday, August 7. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Shirley VanDeursen is recovering from hip surgery at Ingalls Hospital.

Robert Wooley is recovering at home from a bone spur surgery he underwent.

Don VanDeursen continues his recovery from a fall.

Lois Van Vuren has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

Clifton Rhodes, Rachel Wooley, Kathy Oord, and Christopher Nelson, son of Craig and Jan, continue with their treatments for 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.

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.

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: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, Room 63A, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 6

Basket Total: \$6,649.00; Online Total: \$1,837.96

Giving Total: \$8,486.96; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...

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

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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, and 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 Gowens

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Elders & Deacons meet (followed by a Consistory meeting)

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Don VanBaren

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Gail Housman, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Grant Sikkema

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Jeremiah Green

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris and Cindy Nylen

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Amber Fransen, and Merley Verhagen

CHURCH LIFE...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Viola VanDam! She turns 103 years young today!

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); 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 **Sunday, 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 Sunday, 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! 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 26**, at 10:00am 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 Tuesday, September 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!



THE 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)	

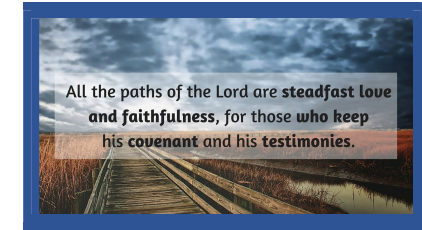
SERMON NOTES...

Pastor James Oord

Psalm 25

“How’s Your Heart? Trusting for Deliverance and Relief”

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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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.