

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 20, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"
"Happy Are They Who Trust in the Lord"
"Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor James Oord

*Congregational Singing

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
"God the Uncreated One"
"Jesus at the Center"

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"My God is All I Need"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 26

Sermon

"How's Your Heart? Marching to the Beat of a Different Drum"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor James Oord

Offertory

"O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor James Oord

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Postlude

*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 Donald Lindskoog, who has passed away. Donald was our former Youth Pastor from 1962-1966.

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 twice a week.

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

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: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Senior Living #409, 16300 Louis Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 13

Basket Total: \$5,165.00; Online Total: \$4,305.00
Giving Total: \$9,470.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...

First Emergency: Mary Decker
First Security: Rich Thornton

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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 Mary Koster

Family Life Christian Pre-School and Day Care closed Monday - Friday

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00AM: CPO Golf Outing at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood
11:00AM: Calvin Christian School Convocation in the Sanctuary
6:45PM: Gary RailCats Baseball Game

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

4:00-6:00PM: Clothing Closet open in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00AM Worship Service at Grace Church in Lansing
2740 Indiana Avenue
Lansing, IL 60438

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); 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**, beginning at 10:00am, 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.

CHURCH PICNIC: Our annual church picnic will be held on **Saturday, September 9**, from 5:00-8:00pm. You can sign up using the form in your bulletin (drop it in the offering plate) or on our church website. This picnic will be a celebration of our 175th anniversary – you won't want to miss what we have planned! If your last name starts with A-I, bring a dessert to share; if J-Z, bring a salad to share. Look forward to seeing you there!

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!

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)

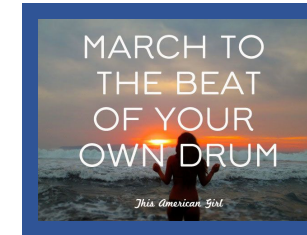
SERMON NOTES...

Pastor James Oord

Psalm 26

“How’s Your Heart? Marching to the Beat of a Different Drum”

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

STAFF...

Rev. James Oord
Senior Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting get.theapp.co/1779.



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.