

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 24, 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

"I Built On the Rock"
"I Love to Tell the Story"
"Speak, O Lord"

Greeting & Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Singing

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
"In the Name of the Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Take My Life (I Am Yours)"

THE WORD OF GOD

Greeting

Scripture

II Corinthians 5:11-15

Sermon

"Hospitality How To's: Witnessing"

Song of Response

"I Give Myself Away"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Love Lifted Me"

*"Gloria Patri"

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"The Blessing"

*Postlude

"We've A Story To Tell To the Nations"

*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...

Harriet DeYoung is in rehab at South Holland Elevate, Room #107.

Shirley Van Deursen is at Park Place Rehabilitation in St. John for therapy.

Robert Wooley is recovering at home from foot surgery.

Monty Riddering is recovering at home from hip replacement surgery.

Lois Van Vuren has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

Rachel Wooley, Kathy Oord, and Christopher Nelson continue with their treatments for cancer.

Craig Nelson is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

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

Daniel Pletzke, son-in-law of Ron and Diana Abernathy, is recovering from heart surgery.

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: Doris Boomsma, Village Woods #513, 2681 S. Rt. 394, Crete, IL 60417

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 17
Basket Total: \$8,350.00
Online Total: \$1,520.32
Giving Total: \$9,820.32; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude
First Security: Colin Cutler

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude & Lucas VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, and Rachel Wooley
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Clair & Lynn Hoeksema
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, and Joanne Hoeksema

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00AM: Women’s Bible Study Brunch in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00PM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Dennis Woltzen
WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Daniel Day, Nikki Nyhanna, and Abby Veldboom
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

CHURCH LIFE...



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 continues **Wednesday, October 4**, 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. Save future dates: October 18, November 1, 15, & 29 and December 13 (Dec. 6 is our First Christmas Party - no study).

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today at 11:10am.

- K-5th grade meet in the Genesis Room at 11:10am, followed by K-2nd class in the Library; 3rd-5th in the Loft.
- 6th-12th grade meet in the chapel at 11:10am.
- Tibstra House meets in the Heritage Room immediately following the service.

TRUNK N' TREAT is **Tuesday, October 31**, from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can leave your candy at the Welcome Center in the narthex. We also need you to volunteer your decorated car trunk, please sign-up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2023 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

Beginning **Sunday, October 1**, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. Please call the church office with any questions. Your donations can be dropped off at our Welcome Centers.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Chairman, Mike Decker.

REMINDERS....

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.

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

AREA EVENTS...

THE BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS of First Reformed Church have placed a special fundraising letter in your church mailbox. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter and as you read it, please sincerely pray for God's Word to change lives. We appreciate any contribution you can give to purchase Bibles. Kindly respond by **today**. Any questions, please contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill.

BREAST CANCER WALK on **Saturday, October 14**, starting at 9:00am at Veterans Memorial Park, 500 East 160th Place. Join us for the 6th Annual Breast Cancer Walk/Drive, which recognizes women and men who have survived breast cancer. This year the walk/drive will begin at Veterans Park. All proceeds benefit breast cancer research at the University of Chicago. Visit South Holland Village's website to register.

SEPTEMBER RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE: In the next week, CSX will be working on the following railroad in South Holland. The following railroad crossing will be closed off on the date below:

Wednesday, September 27: The crossing on South Park Ave near E. 163rd Place.
Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

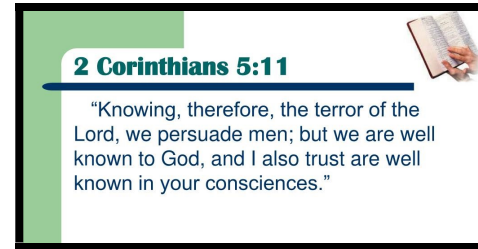
SERMON NOTES...

“Hospitality How-To’s: Witnessing”

II Corinthians 5:11-15

Rev. James 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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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

Rev. James Oord
Senior Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
Associate Pastor

Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith
Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care

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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.