

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Communion Sunday, October 1, 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

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
"Blessed Assurance"
"Boundless Mercy"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
"You Are Good"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"His Mercy is More"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Titus 3:1-11

Sermon

"Hospitality How To's: Showing Kindness"

Greeting One Another

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"Love Lifted Me"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"The Blessing"

*Postlude

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please, join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Austin Parks, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

7:00PM: Music Team meet in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: First Fellowship Meal & The Chosen in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Family Life Christian Day Care Board Meeting meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

GREETERS: Trina Taylor and Rodger Norris

WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord

WORSHIP TEAM: Daniel Day, Dacia Hill, Peter & Julia Keep, and Bill Nyhanna

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom

VIDEO: Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Pastor Rich & Barb Grevengeod and Griff & Mary Decker

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Raylene Oord, and Katie Sikkema

CARE...

Arlene Anker has been admitted to Franciscan Crown Point Hospital due to swelling in her legs.

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

Shirley Van Deursen is at Park Place Rehabilitation in St. John in Room #102.

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.

Trina Taylor has been diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer and is having chemo treatments.

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 & Diana Abernathy, is recovering from heart surgery.

Please pray for the **Costello family**: for **Sean**, that he would continue to make progress in his physical therapy; for **Mike** who has COVID and has open heart surgery scheduled for October, and for **Pam** who is trusting God to uphold, strengthen, and provide for her and the family during this time.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Loretta Bovenkerk**, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit #154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: **Ruth DeBoer** has moved to Hartsfield Village, Room #135, 10002 Columbia Avenue, Munster, Indiana 46311

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 24

Basket Total: \$3,760.95; Online Total: \$1,555.00

Giving Total: \$5,315.95; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor; **First Security:** Barry Voss

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU, DEAR CHURCH for your prayers and support for Elim Dutch Fest. They made \$154,000 before expenses for the day (last year they made \$137,000)! Our church members donated crafts, beautiful baked goods, and volunteered many hours that day helping to make it a success. You are so caring. We had a beautiful day, and it was so well attended. God blessed us. Thank you!

Judy Gill, Tricia Paarlberg, and Lynn Hoeksema



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, and 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 today, **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 Center, or at the blue table in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, October 10**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. Please complete pgs. 17-33 in Session 1, "Tempted to Give Up on God?" and begin memorizing Revelation 1:8. We will discuss your findings. See you there!

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...

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.

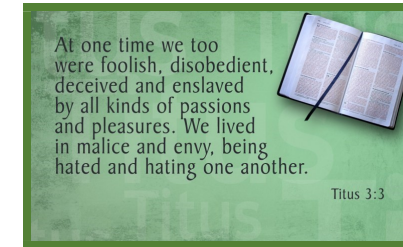
SERMON NOTES...

“Hospitality How-To’s: Showing Kindness”

Titus 3:1-11

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...

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Pastor of Worship & Ministry

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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.