

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 8, 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

"Fill the Earth with Music"
"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Singing

"Come, Thou Almighty King"
"My God is All I Need"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"To God Be the Glory"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ephesians 5:17-21

Sermon

"Hospitality How To's: Being Full of It"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"The Blessing"

*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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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 Grevengoed and Griff & Mary Decker

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Financial Ad Hoc Committee meeting in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: 4th Quarter Consistory meets in the Heritage Room

8:00PM: Elders & Deacons meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

1:00-4:00PM: B-Ball Camp in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Cindy Nylén; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Gail Housman, Nate Housman, Bill Nyhanna, Grant Sikkema, and Rachel Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks, Trina Taylor and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Mary Paulton, and Alison VanderWoude

CARE...

Arlene Anker has returned home from the hospital and is anticipating a further procedure in mid-October.

Harriet DeYoung has been able to return to Elevate Senior Living, Room 409.

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

Robert Wooley is recovering at home from foot surgery.

Lois Van Vuren has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

Rachel Wooley, Kathy Oord, Trina Taylor, 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. Ron and Diane's daughter **Debra** underwent a four-hour procedure this past Monday morning to deal with some heart issues.

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: **Mary Thompson**, 16418 S. Dobson Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 1

Basket Total: \$5,415.00

Online Total: \$1,550.00

Giving Total: \$6,965.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

First Security: Barry Voss

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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 18**, 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: 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.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet this **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!



WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2023 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

Continuing today, **Sunday, October 8**, 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.

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!

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.

RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURES: CSX will be making critical repairs to two railroad crossings this month requiring temporary closures. **Monday, Oct. 9:** Crossing at W. 162ND St. (Rt. 6) / Van Drunen Rd. and **Monday, Oct. 23:** Crossing at South Park Avenue / E. 168th St. The work at each crossing will take approximately two weeks to complete. Detour signage will be installed along the route. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

SERMON NOTES...

“Hospitality How-To’s: Being Full of It”

Ephesians 5:17-21

Pastor Corey Buchanan

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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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.