

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 15, 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

"Morning Has Broken"
"Come, Ye Sinners"
"Ancient Words"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"
"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"We Will Feast"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 5:33-39

Sermon

"To Proclaim Good News: How to Follow Jesus"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"The Blessing"

*Postlude

"Satisfied"

*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...

Arlene Anker is recovering from a procedure she had due to swelling in her legs.

Shirley Van Deursen has been admitted to Munster Community, Room 382, and is being treated for a stroke that has affected her right leg.

Dorothy Jacobsma will be having knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, October 25.

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

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. He is experiencing kidney stones now and is going through treatment.

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 is recovering from a heart procedure.

Please pray for the Costello family: for Sean, that he would continue to make progress in his physical therapy; for Mike, who has open heart surgery scheduled for October 17 at the University of Chicago, and for Pam, who is trusting God to uphold, strengthen, and provide for her and the family during this time.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Carol Barnes, Arden Courts Room 16, 2045 E. 170th St., South Holland, IL 60473

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES:

Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John, 10700 Park Place, Room 1212, St. John, IN 46373

Craig and Jan Nelson, 9724 W. 130th Place Unit B, Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Barbara DeWolf, 12565 Renaissance Circle, Rm #308, Homer Glen, IL 60491

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 8

Basket Total: \$3,121.00; Online Total: \$3,670.00

Giving Total: \$6,791.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Cindy Nysten; **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, Nyla DeGraff, and Gwen Adams

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

6:00PM: First Fellowship Meal and Chosen Episode in the Fellowship Hall

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Jeremiah Green

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris, Cindy Nysten, and Faye Gowens

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Grace Jacobsma

ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor; First Security: Barry Voss

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.
- *Please note there is no Sunday School on Sunday, October 22.*

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 on **Tuesday, October 24**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch the session 2 video on our study of the book of Revelation: "Have You Lost Perspective?" and we will fill in pages 38-39 in our study guide. Hope to see you there!



WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2023 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

Continuing today, **Sunday, October 15**, 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!

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

AREA EVENTS...

RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE: CSX will be making another critical repair to a railroad crossing requiring a temporary closure. **Monday, Oct. 23:** Crossing at South Park Avenue / E. 168th St. The work at the crossing will take approximately two weeks to complete. Detour signage will be installed along the route. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

MILITARY TRIBUTE is being held on **Wednesday, November 1**, from 10:30am-1:00pm at South Holland Community Center, 501 E 170th Street. The Village of South Holland is hosting the 9th Annual Military Tribute to honor our Veterans. The tribute ceremony is preceded by a luncheon that is free to Veterans (\$15 for non-Veterans). Attendees are encouraged to bring a toy for the Fire Department's Toy Drive. Registration is open until October 18; please register at the Community Center.

SERMON NOTES...

“To Proclaim Good News: How to Follow Jesus”

Luke 5:33-39

Pastor 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

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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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.