

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Reformation Sunday, October 29, 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

"God of Grace & God of Glory"
"Faith of Our Fathers"
"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"
"You Deserve It"
"Christ is Enough"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Here Is Love"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 6:12-26

Sermon

"To Proclaim Good News: How to be a Disciple"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"The Blessing"

*Postlude

"For All the Saints"

*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 released from the hospital and is back at Park Place, Room #106 for rehab.

Dorothy Jacobsma is recovering from knee replacement surgery she had Wednesday, October 25.

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 is at the University of Chicago recovering from heart surgery he had on October 17, and for **Pam**, who is trusting God to uphold, strengthen, and provide for her and the family during this time.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Ralph & Margene Paarlberg, Bickford Senior Living, #248, 100 Jones Drive, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 22

Basket Total: \$31,211.00; Online Total: \$2,630.86
Giving Total: \$33,841.86; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER...

First Emergency: Trina Taylor
First Security: Barry Voss

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

GREETERS: Gerri VanBaren & Trina Taylor; **WELCOME CENTER**: Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
VIDEO: Mike Decker
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO**: Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Merley Verhagen, and Trina Taylor

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the sanctuary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00PM-7:00PM: Trunk N Treat in church parking lot

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room
6:00PM: First Fellowship meal and Chosen Episode in the Fellowship Hall

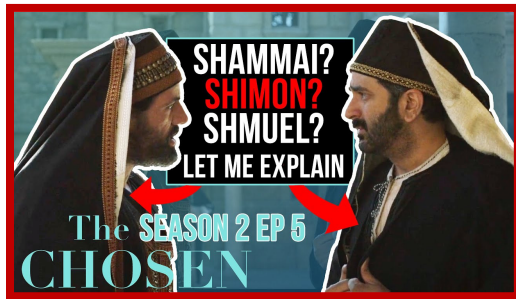


Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 4!

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Don DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER**: Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Julia Keep, Peter Keep, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO**: Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND**: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO**: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen

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. This study continues

Wednesday, November 1, 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 15, 29, and December 13 (Wednesday, December 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 this **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 again on **Tuesday, November 14**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the homework from Session 2, "Have You Lost Perspective?" and work on our memorization of Revelation 4:11. Hope you can attend!



SO FAR 630 BOXES OF STUFFING HAVE BEEN COLLECTED IN OUR 2023 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE!

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.

AREA EVENTS...

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.

JOIN THE EXODUS PROJECTS and FAITH AND ACTION for an extraordinary evening! Our annual Gala and Ministry Fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, November 16**, at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. Contact Nikki at theexodusprojects@gmail.com or 708-440-9539 for more information! Learn more or send in your RSVP www.theexodusprojects.org or sign up at our Welcome Centers.

JOIN US IN LAGRANGE, IL, for this year's Hinsdale Chorale concert "Welcome Yule!" featuring Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and Rutter's *Angel's Carol* along with a collection of choral works. The choir will be performing with a chamber orchestra and harpist Faye Seeman. FRC members Gail and Brad Housman will perform with the choir as well as former church member MaryAnn Witvoet. Please contact Gail or Brad for tickets or purchase at the door. Two opportunities for performances, **Saturday, November 25**, at 7:00PM or **Sunday, November 26**, at 3:00PM.

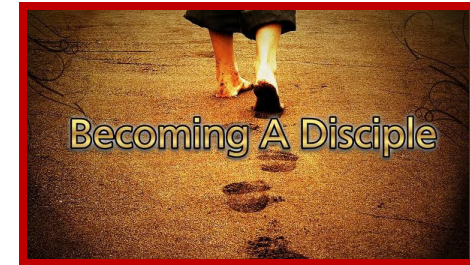
SERMON NOTES...

“To Proclaim Good News: How to be a Disciple”

Luke 6:12-26

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

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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.