

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Communion Sunday, November 5, 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

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"
"Jesus Love Me"
Entrée on "We Gather Together"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
"Psalm 62"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Goodness of God"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 6:27-36

Sermon

"Luke: To Proclaim Good News: How to Have an Enemy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Postlude

"And Can It Be"

*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 home 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.

Ruth DeBoer is in rehab at Hartsfield Village recovering from a broken elbow.

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 continues his recovery from heart surgery at home, 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 29

Basket Total: \$3,363.00; Online Total: \$790.00
Giving Total: \$4,153.00; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR NOVEMBER...

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan
First Security: Rich Thornton

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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
6:30-8:00PM: OASIS meets in the Activity Center and Loft

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the sanctuary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - VETERAN’S DAY

Church Office and Day Care Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Cindy Nysten; WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld
Lisa Triemstra, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Barb Grevengoed, and Lisa Triemstra

CHURCH LIFE...

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following the service on **Sunday, November 19**, in the sanctuary to present a new special projects campaign: Reach 175. This campaign will support the Trustees in upcoming projects to maintain and improve our church campus. The Deacons will also present the impact this campaign will have on our budget mid-year.

TODAY'S COMMUNION BREAD was made by Trina Taylor. If you're interested in joining our congregation's bread bakers, speak to Pastor Jim.

THE 175TH COMMEMORATIVE QUILT is now permanently available for viewing in the Hallway of Crests & Quilts.

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.



THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 OPPORTUNITY! We invite you to 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, Nov. 15**,

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 29 and December 13 (Wednesday, December 6 is our First Christmas Party - no study).

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, Nov. 12**, with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Let's get ready to help support these families! Return date for the angel tree gifts is Sunday, Dec. 3.

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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO NOTE:

- ✚ **Wednesday, December 6**, come join us at 6:00pm for our (third) First Christmas Party. This will be a soup supper potluck and party with our church family. **If you are willing to share your favorite soup (and soon to be ours!), please sign up at a welcome center.**
- ✚ **Sunday, December 10**, at 6:00pm, join us for our Service of Lessons and Carols, a musical celebration of the story of Jesus' arrival. If you love Christmas music, you won't want to miss it!
- ✚ **Wednesday, December 13**, our last Chosen Bible study will be from 6:00-7:30pm. Includes a meal and followed by an episode screening with discussion.
- ✚ **Sunday, December 24**, join us for Sunday worship at 9:30am and our Christmas Eve Service at 11:00pm. This service is always a highlight of the year, as we stay up and greet Christmas Day with carols, candlelight, and worship (and we just might bring back the sparklers!).



940 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. Your donations can be dropped off at our Welcome Centers.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

JOIN THE EXODUS PROJECTS and FAITH AND ACTION for an extraordinary evening! Our annual Gala and Ministry Fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 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 Have an Enemy”

Luke 6:27-36

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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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.