

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, November 12, 2023



**Welcome...**

The season from Pentecost through the start of Advent is called "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time falls in the growing season in the Northern Hemisphere, and it's a time to celebrate the way God's Kingdom grows in big ways and small ways. What is your "ordinary?" What are the everyday celebrations and struggles you take with you this morning? What questions are scrawled on the pages of your life? God meets us in our "ordinaries" and leads us into something extraordinary: He creates a community from the disparate; He centers voices from the margins; He changes patterns of self-serving into habits of service; He challenges division with the diversity and unity of his family; He channels the mercy and grace of Christ into your life and into our world. This is the "ordinary" work of the Church. Come, join us in this extraordinary life we live together!

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**WE APPROACH GOD**

Organ Prelude

*Rondeau on "Royal Oak"*  
*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
*"Pilgrim Chorus"*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Singing

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*  
*"Cornerstone"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"The Hope of the Poor"*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture

Luke 6:37-42

Sermon

"Luke: To Proclaim Good News: How to (not) Judge"

Song of Response

*"The Jesus Way"*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Don DeGraff

Offertory

*"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"*

\*Postlude

*"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

\*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, 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

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**7:00AM:** Trustees meet in the Heritage Room  
**9:30AM:** Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall  
**7:00PM:** Elders & Deacons meet followed by Consistory

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**10:00AM:** Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall  
**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**6:00PM:** First Fellowship Meal & The Chosen Episode in the Fellowship Hall  
**7:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**9:00AM:** Serve Saturday

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**GREETERS:** Steve and Lucas VanderWoude; **WELCOME CENTER:** Alison VanderWoude  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Daniel Day, Joe Fransen, Jeremiah Green, Bill Nyhanna, Nick  
Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, and Rachel Wooley  
**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Rodger & Sherry Norris, Cindy Nysten, and Faye Gowens  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gail Housman, Mary Paulton, and Ellen Nelson

## ***CARE...***

**Nate Housman** has been able to return home from Comers Hospital after being treated for an autoimmune disorder.

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

**Shirley Van Deursen** continues at Park Place, Room #106 for rehab.

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

**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** continues in 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 continues to make progress in his physical therapy; for **Mike**, who is recuperating at home from his heart surgery complications; and for **Pam**, who is trusting God to uphold, strengthen, and provide for her and the family during this time.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Dorothy Ravesloot, 15862 South Park Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

## ***OUR GIFTS...***

### **Sunday, November 5**

Basket Total: \$11,610.00; Online Total: \$1,959.01

Giving Total: \$13,569.01; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

## ***ON DUTY FOR NOVEMBER...***

**First Emergency:** Tiffany Buchanan

**First Security:** Rich Thornton

## 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.

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 this **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 today 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, December 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!).

IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPTY YOUR MAIL SLOT TODAY! Please remember to pick up your Thanksgiving letter and offering envelope. Our Thanksgiving offerings are being designated for Chicagoland Prison Outreach, Restoration Ministries, and Roseland Christian Ministries. As you enter Thanksgiving worship on **Wednesday, November 22** at 6:00pm, please keep your monetary and material gifts (non-perishable food items and clothing) with you as you are seated. Towards the close of the service, we will carry our gifts to the front of the sanctuary as a tactile offering expression. If you are uncomfortable carrying your gifts forward, some of our church children would love the opportunity to do so for you during the service!

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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 (not) Judge”**

**Luke 6:37-42**

**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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*Associate Pastor*

**Anthony Bolkema**  
*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.