

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, November 19, 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

"This Is My Father's World"
"For the Beauty of the Earth"
"We Gather Together"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Singing

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Grace"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 6:43-49

Sermon

"Luke: To Proclaim Good News: How to Bear Fruit"

Profession of Faith

Lucas Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema; Christian Capone, Elijah Capone; Gabriel Capone, Joshua Capone, Nathan Housman, Brady Nyhanna, Joey Nyhanna, Jonathan VanderWoude, and Benjamin Wooley

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*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 19

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Daniel Day, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, and Rachel Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Gail Housman, and Mary Paulton

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:00PM: Thanksgiving Service in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & 24

Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, and Lisa Triemstra

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Ellen Nelson, and Gerri VanBaren

CARE...

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.

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, continues to recover from heart issues. 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: Anita Decker-Steenbergen, Hartsfield Village #1308, 10000 Columbia Ave. Munster, IN 46321

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 12

Basket Total: \$4,302.00

Online Total: \$3,379.21

Giving Total: \$7,681.21

(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 today 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 on **Tuesday, November 28**, at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch the Session 3 video, "When Life's Not Fair" in our study of the book of Revelation. Hope you can join us!



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. 29**, and will include a meal at 6:00pm and run every other Wednesday until we finish Season 2 on Wednesday, December 13. 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: 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!).

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

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

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. Last performances **Sunday, November 26**, at 3:00PM.

WINTER WONDERLAND on **Friday, December 1**, from 6:00-8:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park, 500 E 160th Place. Get ready for The Village of South Holland's annual holiday extravaganza, Winter Wonderland! This outdoor event brings families together to view a tree lighting ceremony that sets all of Veterans Memorial Park aglow. The event features a skating rink, an activity tent, refreshments, train rides on the brand-new South Holland Express, and more!

SERMON NOTES...

“To Proclaim Good News: How to Bear Fruit”

Luke 6:43-49

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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Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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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.