

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY  
Sunday, November 26, 2023



*Welcome to First Reformed Church!*

Today is Christ the King Sunday, which is the last Sunday of the church calendar (the new year begins with Advent next Sunday).

Christ the King Sunday is a time to recommit ourselves to Kingdom living, walking into a new year as followers of Jesus. This Sunday invites us to reimagine all of life with Jesus at the center. Interestingly, Christ the King Sunday wasn't added to the church calendar until 1925. The first Christ the King Sunday was celebrated in Italy as an act of opposition to the teachings of fascism, supremacy, and nationalism that had gripped that country under Mussolini.

As we celebrate today, we're joined by the minor prophet Zechariah, who invites us to reimagine our world under the Kingship of Christ. Among the southern windows of our sanctuary, Zechariah is represented with a winged scroll, a symbol from his dream in Zechariah 5:1-2.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Rejoice the Lord Is King"*  
*"O Savior Christ"*  
*"Jesus Shall Reign"*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Singing

*"Rejoice the Lord is King"*  
*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*  
*"We Will Glorify"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

*"Praise the King"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Zechariah 5:5-6:8

Sermon

"Minor Prophets, Major Good News – Dreaming of Christmas"

Profession of Faith

Gracen Sikkema, Keelyn Sikkema, and Ian Verhagen

Reception of New Members

Ruth Maxey, Sikkema family, and Camille VanLaten

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

*"Lead Me, Guide Me"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"*

\*Postlude

*"Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"*

\*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 26

**GREETERS:** Dennis Woltzen and Don DeGraff

**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:** Don & Nyla DeGraff, Trina Taylor, and Gwen Adams

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

**9:30PM:** Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall

**6:00-8:30PM:** Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**10:00AM:** Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**5:15PM:** Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**6:00PM:** First Wednesday Fellowship/The Chosen Episode

**7:30PM:** Choir Rehearsal

COMMUNION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris and Don VanBaren

**WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Daniel Day, and Peter & Julia Keep

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

*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.

**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**, who continues to regain strength and is now able to walk with the use of a cane; 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:** Ruth DeBoer, Hartsfield Village #135, 10000 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

*OUR GIFTS...*

Sunday, November 19

Basket Total: \$9,446.53

Online Total: \$2,791.47

Giving Total: \$12,238.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

*ON DUTY FOR NOVEMBER...*

**First Emergency:** Tiffany Buchanan

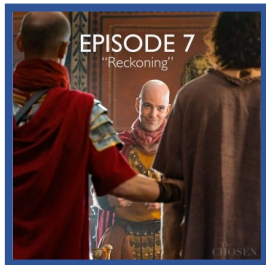
**First Security:** Rich Thornton

## CHURCH LIFE...

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Rachel Wooley, who passed away on Sunday, November 19. The visitation is Sunday, December 3, from 3:00-8:00pm at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer and the funeral is Monday, December 4, at 11:00am here at First Reformed Church with a luncheon to follow.

**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. The last performance is this afternoon 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...***

**“What Does a Prophet Do?”**

**Isaiah 40**

**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...**

**Rev. James Oord**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*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,  
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