

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
TOLLING OF THE BELLS
Communion Sunday, January 7, 2024



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

At First Church one of the best ways we can grow together is through Sunday morning worship. Here, you'll find a warm and welcoming community of people from all different walks of life gathered together in unity to lift high the name of Jesus. We do this in all sorts of different ways. We sing new songs with guitars and old songs with an organ. We pray new prayers from the heart and ancient prayers of the faith. We preach the same Good News of Jesus Christ in new and fresh ways in hopes of intersecting the Word of God with the stories of our lives. Whether you grew up Catholic, married a Baptist, or anything in between, you'll find a home in worship here at First Church.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Praise to the Lord/O Worship the King"
"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"
"God of Our Prophets"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"
"Sing Praise to the Father"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"In Christ Alone"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Revelation 1

Sermon

"Tolling of the Bells: Do Not Be Afraid"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Heaven Came Down"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"As With Gladness, Men of Old"

*Postlude

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*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...

We rejoice with Ray and Chandra Ondrejka in the birth of a beautiful son, Jonah. Due to heart issues, Jonah was taken to Lurie Children’s Hospital, where he is being monitored and cared for.

Rich Zimmerman is home recovering from open heart surgery.

Kathy Oord, Trina Taylor, and Christopher Nelson continue with their treatments for cancer.

Ruth DeBoer is having rehab at Hartsfield.

Ron & Diana Abernathy’s son-in-law Daniel Pletzke and daughter Debra continue to struggle with various health issues.

Please continue to pray for the Mike & Pam Costello family.

Pray for Marsha Pilipow as she tends to the health of her aging mother, Patricia, who’s medical condition has gotten worse.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Health Care #108, 16300 Wausau Ave., South Holland, IL 60473 (this is a new address for Harriet)

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

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, December 31

Basket Total: \$18,745.54; Online Total: \$3,124.40
Gift & Memorial for Lois VanVuren: \$50.00
Gift & Memorial for Howard DeYoung: \$300.00
Giving Total: \$21,869.94 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)
Reach 175: \$1,141.08; REACH 175 TOTAL: \$15,998.88

ON DUTY FOR JANUARY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude
First Security: Mike Costello

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Trina Taylor; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Gail Housman

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: F-PEC meeting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team meets

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00AM: First Impressions Team meets in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, and Bella VanderWoude
PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Lisa Triemstra, and Deb Woltzen

CHURCH LIFE...

ANNUAL TOLLING OF THE BELLS SERVICE is today. We will hear the bell toll for the loved ones who have gone on to glory this past year.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS is extended to Ray and Chandra Ondrejka on the birth of a son, Jonah, born on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

THANK YOU so very much for your kind thoughts, prayers, and the cards I received during my recent illness. So very appreciated!
- Jean Spiekhout

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Linda Capone and family in the passing of her father, Anthony Novak. Visitation will be Monday, January 8, from 3:00-8:00pm at Vandenberg Funeral Home in Tinley Park. Prayers at the funeral home on Tuesday, January 9, at 9:00am followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Stephen Deacon & Martyr Catholic Church at 9:30am.

WE ALSO EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Alice Kats, who passed away on December 19. Visitation will be Saturday, January 13, from 10:00-11:00am, followed by a service at 11:00am at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, Indiana.

KITCHEN NEWS: As part of our Reach 175 campaign, work on the Activity Center kitchen has begun! This means that the Fellowship Hall kitchen is currently being used by Family Life Daycare to prepare 2 meals a day (plus snacks) for 80+ kids, 5 days a week. So, if you use the kitchen in any way between now and the end of the year, please 1) keep the counters clear, 2) respect the top two shelves of the fridge, which are being used by Family Life, 3) keep it cleaner than you found it. Thank you!

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet again on **Tuesday, January 9**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing the session 4 video in our study of the book of Revelations, "How to Overcome the Enemy." Hope to see you there!

OFFERING ENVELOPES have been issued for 2024 and are in your mail slots. If you should have any questions, please contact Mike Decker at 708-567-5447.

SUNDAY SCHOOL starts up today, **Sunday, January 7**, 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.

TO OUR WONDERFUL CHURCH COOKIE BAKERS, the new Cookie Duty Schedule for January-April 2024 is now in your mailbox. Thank you for all the tasty treats you create for us each and every week. You are so appreciated!

REMINDERS....

PLEASE KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!

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

AREA EVENTS....

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIBUTE on **Saturday, January 13**, at 10:00am at the Spirit of God Fellowship Church (16350 State St., South Holland). The South Holland Ministerial Association and the Village of South Holland are partnering to present this year's Martin Luther King Tribute. The lively event will feature music from several South Holland musicians, a spoken word performance, and more. Light refreshments will be served following the service. All are welcome to attend this free event!

ICELESS SKATING RINK OPENING FOR THE SEASON on Fridays from 3:00-8:00pm and Saturday & Sunday from noon-8:00pm at East 161st Street and SoHo Sweets Lane. The rink is located in the lot behind SoHo Sweets and is constructed using panels of synthetic ice. Skates are available for rent—\$3 adults, \$2 kids. Cash and credit card are accepted. In case you get cold skating, SoHo Sweets has coffee and hot cocoa for sale to keep you warm!

SERMON NOTES...

Revelation 1
“Tolling of the Bells: Do Not Be Afraid”
Pastor James Oord



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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more information about the life of First Church,
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