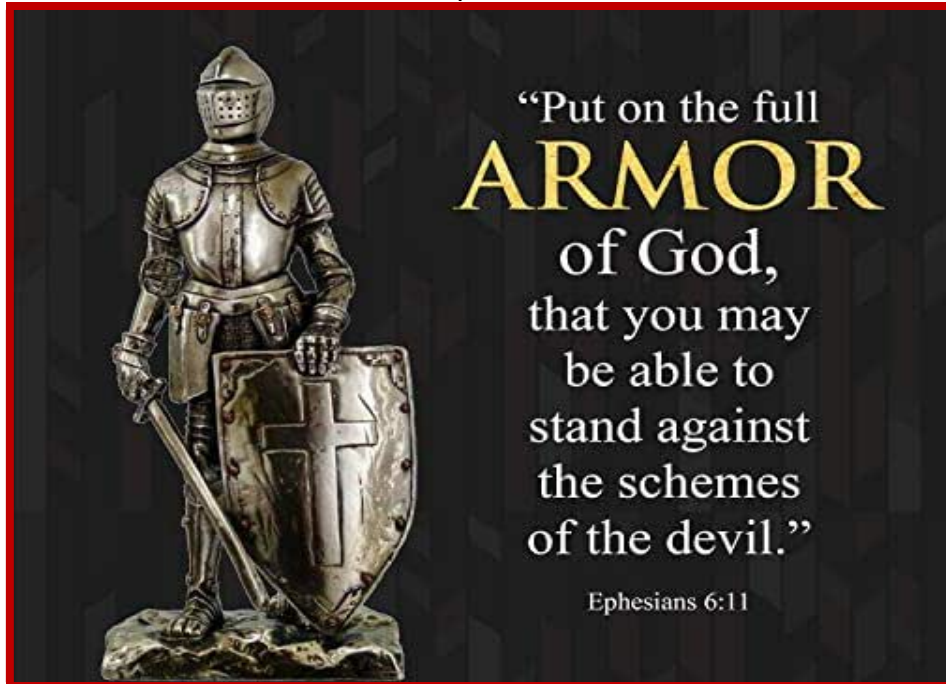


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 14, 2024



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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 14, 2024
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Praise the Lord of Lords"
"Christ for the World We Sing!"
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"The Solid Rock"
"God the Uncreated One"
"Worthy, You Are Worthy"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-13

Sermon

"Stand Firm"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Heaven Came Down"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"As With Gladness, Men of Old"

*Postlude

"Our Glorious King"

*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, 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: Steve DeVries
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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Church Office and Day Care Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00PM: Day Care Board Meeting in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

GREETERS: Don DeGraff and Cindy Nylen
WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, Matthew Rietveld, and Abby Veldboom
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema and Joey Nyhanna
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Ellen Nelson, and Gerri VanBaren

CARE...

Jean Spiekhout has returned home from the hospital.

Jonah Ondrejka is at Northwestern Prentice Hospital, where his heart is being monitored and he is being treated for an infection.

Judy Brouwers is scheduled for knee surgery on Wednesday, January 17.

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

Ruth DeBoer is having rehab at Hartsfield.

Mike and Joanne Hoeksema’s granddaughter, Abigail Tanis, has returned home from the hospital recovering from surgery.

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: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, Room #63A, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

OUR GIFTS...

Year-End 2023

Basket Total: \$2,680.00; Online Total: \$7,138.25
Gift & Memorial/Howard DeYoung: \$150.00; Online Special Projects: \$80.00
Giving Total: \$9,898.25
Reach 175 Online: \$80.00; REACH 175 TOTAL: \$16,078.88

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Basket Total: \$3,912.00; Reach 175: \$300.00; Online Total: \$1,100.24
Giving Total: \$5,312.24 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)
Reach 175 Onsite Giving: \$300.00; Reach 175 Online: \$141.08
REACH 175 TOTAL: \$ 16,519.96

CHURCH LIFE...

THE VISITATION AND FUNERAL SERVICE for Alice Kats has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 17. Visitation is from 10:00-11:00am, followed by a service at 11:00am at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, Indiana.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Pastor Corey and Tiffany Buchanan on the passing of Tiffany's aunt, Bobbie Surall on Sunday, January 7. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 19 at the Jones Funeral Home in Kankakee at 11:00am with the funeral service at noon.

WE WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU for being part of the Christmas Angels of HOPE program to support the work of Chicagoland Prison Outreach! Together across the city we reached out to 160 families, 604 children, and provided over 2300 gifts. Those are amazing statistics! God's people were able to demonstrate the Love of Christ to 672 children. TOGETHER with God's Help, we are making a difference in the lives of those who are incarcerated, and their families! THANK YOU!

YOUR YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Fellowship Hall for the next three Sundays. If you should have any questions, please contact Mike Decker at 708-567-5447.

DNA MOVIE NIGHT: The Diversity In Action (DNA) Team is hosting a movie night on **Sunday, January 21**, from 3:30-6:30pm. The 2019 film *Just Mercy* is a powerful depiction of the themes of racial justice in America and is a springboard to many helpful discussions. The film is based on true events and rated PG-13 for its historically accurate depictions of hate-fueled actions and language. The DNA team is asking for that age recommendation to be respected (13-and-older) and for all those who are coming to use appropriate discretion as they sign up. We will view the movie, discuss some of its themes, and enjoy fellowship. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, January 23**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reviewing the homework from Session 4, "How To Overcome The Enemy", study guide pgs. 79-82. Hope to see you there!

CLOTHING CLOSET: Our Free Clothing Closet continues to be open on the 2nd Saturday (9:00-11:00am) and 4th Thursday (4:00-6:00pm) of each month. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Pastor Jim.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPING TRIP has been scheduled for **July 26-28, 2024** at the Tippecanoe River State Park in Winamac, IN. The cost for reservations is \$32.00 per night. There will also be a one-time entrance fee of \$12.00 for each vehicle which will be paid individually as you enter the park. To allow us to group our reservations (and our camp sites) together, please RSVP to the church office by **Sunday, January 28**. Please contact Anthony Bolkema with any questions.

JOIN US on **Sunday, January 28** from 3:00 – 5:00pm for an afternoon of card games in the Activity Center. Bring your favorite game and come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun! Sign-up at the Welcome Centers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets 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.



All Wednesday services will be in the chapel at 6:00pm except for our March 6, First Wednesday Fellowship meal. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

- ❖ Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Service followed by the Soup Supper
- ❖ Wednesday, February 21: Lenten Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday, February 28: Lenten Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday, March 6: First Wednesday Fellowship (meal, but no service)
- ❖ Wednesday, March 13: Lenten Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday, March 20: Lenten Worship Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29: Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31: Easter Service for all ages at 9:30am

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

ON DUTY FOR JANUARY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

First Security: Mike Costello

SERMON NOTES...

Ephesians 6:10-13

“Stand Firm”

Pastor Corey Buchanan

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.



15924 South Park Avenue • South Holland, IL 60473

Office: 708.333.0622 • Prayer Line: 708.333.8150

E-mail: office@frcsh.org

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
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith
Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care

Visit us online at www.frcsh.org

Find us in the app store by searching for
"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting get.theapp.co/1779.



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.