

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
January 21, 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
January 21, 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 Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"Majesty"*  
*"Standing on the Promises of God"*  
*"Christ Our Hope in Life & Death"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"When I Think About the Lord"*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture

Luke 7:1-10

Sermon

"To Proclaim Good News: Building A Wider Kingdom"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

Moment for Missions: Angels of Hope and Clothing Closet

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*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 21**

**GREETERS:** Don DeGraff and Cindy Nylen; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom  
**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries  
**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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

**9:30AM:** Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall  
**6:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
**7:00PM:** First Quarterly Consistory meeting in the Heritage Room followed by Elder and Deacon meetings

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

**10:00AM:** Investment Committee meets in the Heritage Room

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

**4:00-6:00PM:** Clothing Closet open in the Activity Center

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris and Gerri VanBaren; **WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley  
**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers  
**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok  
**SOUND:** Aaron Wooley  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Rodger & Sherry Norris, Cindy Nylen & Faye Gowens  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, and Joanne Hoeksema

***CARE...***

Phyllis DeYoung has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer and will be beginning treatment soon.  
Jonah Ondrejka continues to improve and heart surgery continues to be less likely (this is all dependent on his final echocardiogram prior to release).  
Carol Housman is in hospice care.  
Judy Brouwers is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.  
Kathy Oord, Trina Taylor, and Christopher Nelson continue with their cancer treatments.  
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, whose 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  
Classis Grant: \$20,000; Reach 175 Online: \$80.00; REACH 175 TOTAL: \$36,078.88

**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: \$ 36,519.96

**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.

## 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 the service 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.

**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! This not only impacts the children, but it also impacts those who are incarcerated because it allows them the feeling of being part of their family's celebration even though they are physically separated. God's people were able to demonstrate the Love of Christ to many. TOGETHER with God's Help, we are making a difference in the lives of those who are incarcerated, and their families!

**YOUR 2023 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS** are available in the Fellowship Hall for the next two Sundays. If you should have any questions, please contact Mike Decker at 708-567-5447.

**REV. WYBREN OORD** has accepted a call to serve as senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lansing, IL. We pray for God's blessing on Wybren and the congregation in Lansing as he enters this new role.

**DNA MOVIE NIGHT:** The Diversity In Action (DNA) Team is hosting a movie night today, 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. Please sign up at our Welcome Centers in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex.

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will meet this **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 monthly free feminine product packs have been greatly appreciated and provide reliable help to members of our community. Thank you so much for your donations! We are currently in need of more feminine pads, and we could use more small packs of personal hygiene wipes. If you'd like to donate, you can drop these products off at the church office (or talk 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 sign up at the Welcome Centers by next **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.



**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

### ON DUTY FOR JANUARY...

**First Emergency:** Alison VanderWoude; **First Security:** Mike Costello

***SERMON NOTES...***

Luke 7:1-10

“To Proclaim Good News: Building A Wider Kingdom”

Pastor Jim 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. Dr. James Oord**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Dr. 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*

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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.