

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 28, 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 *"Prelude in Classic Style"*
"Psalm 113"
"O For a Thousand Tongues"

Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*
"Praise the King"
"Hosanna"

Prayer of Confession Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance *"I'm New Born Again"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Luke 7:11-17

Sermon "To Proclaim Good News: God Has Come to Help His People"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Elder Larry DeYoung

Offertory *"Our God Reigns"*

*Doxology

*Benediction Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace *"As With Gladness, Men of Old"*

*Postlude *"I'm So Glad"*

*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 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 Nysten & Faye Gowens

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, and Joanne Hoeksema

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Trina Taylor

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Lisa Triemstra

CARE...

Mark Spiekhout has returned home from the hospital.

Phyllis DeYoung was diagnosed with endometrial cancer. She is undergoing a series of tests and has been scheduled for surgery on February 6 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove.

Jonah Ondrejka has returned home from the hospital.

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: Anne Koval, 713 E. 156th Place, South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 14 & 21, 2024

Offering: \$13,829.97 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Other Income: \$1,801.64

In Memory of Lois VanVuren: \$780.00

Giving Total: \$16,411.61

Reach 175: \$302.51

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$36,822.47

ON DUTY FOR JANUARY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

First Security: Mike Costello

CHURCH LIFE...

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Carol Housman's church family and the pastors for their wonderful care, prayers, visits, and cards for her while she has been away from all of you. It has been wonderful for her to be connected to such a loving church family. Continue to uphold her in prayer in the weeks ahead. - the Family of Carol Housman

THE FAMILY OF LOIS VAN VUREN would like to thank everyone who has been part of our mom's life. She appreciated the cards, phone calls, treats, Easter Lilies, Poinsettias, and visits. Thank you! Rich VanVuren, Ann Jorgensen and Donna DeGraff

CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Rev. Dr. James Oord for successfully completing the Holy Presence: Eugene Peterson and the Pastoral Imagination Doctor of Ministry program at Western Theological Seminary. We celebrate this accomplishment with him and his family and look forward to the fruit this education will continue to bear in his ministry at First Church!

TRANSFER: At their request, the elders have transferred the church membership of Rev. Wybren and Kathy Oord to First Presbyterian Church in Lansing as Rev. Wybren begins his work as their new Senior Pastor. May God bless Rev. Wybren and Kathy in their new church home!

CONGREGATIONAL SUGGESTION FORMS for the Tuesday, May 14, Congregational Meeting at 6:00PM were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed nominations should be placed in the boxes on the Narthex shelves by **Sunday morning, February 11.**

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, February 13,** at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reviewing the Session 4 study questions and viewing the Session 5 video. Hope you can attend!

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).

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

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 today **Sunday, January 28.** Please contact Anthony Bolkema with any questions.

JOIN US today, **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.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite soups for our annual Soup Supper following our **Ash Wednesday Service, February 14.** Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. Also, please sign up if you are joining us for the evening.

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.

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 7:11-17

“To Proclaim Good News: God Has Come to Help His People”

Pastor Jim Oord



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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
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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.

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.