

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Communion Sunday, February 4, 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

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
"Once in Royal David's City"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"
"Christ is Risen"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"The Hope of the Poor"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 7:18-35

Sermon

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Our God Reigns"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

*Postlude

"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

*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, FEBRUARY 4

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Don VanBaren
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, Gerri VanBaren, and Gwen Adams
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Lisa Triemstra

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00-11:00AM: Clothing Closet open in the AC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Raylene Oord, and Katie Sikkema

CARE...

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

Shirley VanDeursen has been released from the hospital and is back at Park Place.

Carol Housman is in hospice care.

Judy Brouwers is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

Kathy Oord and Christopher Nelson continue with their cancer treatments.

Ruth DeBoer is having rehab at Hartsfield.

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

Please pray for **Norm Veldboom**, father of Rick, who had leg surgery resulting in several more surgeries due to complications.

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 East 156th Place, South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 28

Offering: \$12,966.58(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)
Church Use: \$80.00
In Memory of Lois VanVuren: \$50.00
Giving Total: \$13,096.58
Reach 175: \$116.08
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$36,938.55

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY

First Emergency: Mary Decker
First Security: Barry Voss

CHURCH LIFE...

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY FIRST FAMILY for prayers, calls, texts, scripture verses, and cards. My chemotherapy treatments are complete. I ask for your continued prayers as I journey to the next phase of treatment of surgery in late February.

Gratefully, Trina Taylor

WE THANK OUR FRIENDS for all your prayers for our family. Love you all!

Ron & Diana Abernathy

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!

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: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community, and we are so appreciative of all your donations! If you have clothes or other items to donate to the Clothing Closet, we ask that you drop them off during our open hours (the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00am and the 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00pm). If those times don't work for you, you may drop off donations Monday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Open Access office in Homewood (900 Maple Avenue). All donations dropped off at Open Access will be sorted and used at our Clothing Closet or one of the several other Open Access runs in our region.

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

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.

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

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 7:18-35

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

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
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Dr. Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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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.