

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
Sunday, February 11, 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.

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
February 11, 2024
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
"Rock of Ages"
"Lord, Like the Publican I Stand"
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Jesus Paid It all"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 7:36-50

Sermon

"To Proclaim Good News: Go in Peace"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Steve VanderWoude

Offertory

"Our God Reigns"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

*Postlude

"Take the Name of Jesus with You"

*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 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 & Nyla DeGraff and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Raylene Oord, and Katie Sikkema

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

9:30AM: Peace Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30PM: DNA meeting

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel

7:00PM: Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Dacia Hill, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Mary Paulton, and Alison VanderWoude

CARE...

Phyllis DeYoung had successful surgery on Tuesday, February 6, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove and has been able to return home.

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.

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

Norm Veldboom, father of Rick, has been able to return home from the hospital after having several surgeries.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Doris Boomsma**, Park Place of St. John, #1212, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 4

Offering: \$11,200.16 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

In Memory of Lois VanVuren: \$450.00

In Memory of Howard DeYoung: \$470.00

Giving Total: \$12,120.16

Reach 175: \$1,681.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$38,619.63

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Barry Voss

CHURCH LIFE...

ARLETA HOMMES expresses her gratitude to the members of First Church for remembering her through cards, bulletins, calls, and other expressions of love.

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 **today, February 11**.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY BEING UPDATED: Please submit any address/phone number/email updates to the church office for our new upcoming directory. We would like to incorporate updated pictures in this directory, but we will not be hiring a photography company to take photos of all church members. Instead, we ask that you please submit a recent, clear photo of your family (cell phone photos are perfect) to the church office by emailing them to photos@frcsh.org. **If you would like to have your picture taken after a church service, please contact any staff member to have it arranged. DEADLINE is Sunday, March 10!**

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet this **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.

LET THE GOOD TIMES BOWL: Join the Fellowship Planning and Events Committee for a church-wide bowling event on **Sunday, March 3**, from 3:0pm-5:30pm. Cost is \$15/bowler and includes shoe rental and unlimited bowling.

DNA MOVIE NIGHT: The Diversity In Action (DNA) Team is hosting a movie night on **Sunday, February 25**, 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 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.

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 7:36-50
"To Proclaim Good News: Go in Peace"
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

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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.