


**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
February 18, 2024

A close-up photograph of a hand reaching out, palm up, against a warm, golden-yellow background. The hand is the central focus, with fingers slightly spread. Overlaid on the hand is the text "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." in a white, serif font with a black outline.

Come to Me,  
all you who labor  
and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28 (NKJV)

**Welcome to First Reformed Church!**

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (February 14 this year) and ends with the victory of Easter (March 31 this year). We're so glad you can join us at First Church as we walk together as fellow pilgrims in our Lenten journey toward the cross and empty tomb.

Lent is an invitation to hear Jesus' voice calling, "Come to me, all who are tired, worn down, and burned out." Let his voice interrupt your distraction, your stagnancy, and struggle. Together, we enter his presence to experience rest, healing, and new growth.

During Lent, we surrender our pretense and draw close to Christ, gather at his table, and meet him as our Savior and Friend. Let's make this pilgrimage together!

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**GATHERING**

Organ Prelude

*"Forty Days and Forty Nights"*  
*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"*  
*"Come Ye Sinners"*

Opening Song

*"Come to Me"*

\*Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Worship

*"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*  
*"We Come, O Christ"*

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #126

Song of Assurance

*"Jesus Strong & Kind"*

Greeting One Another

Prayers of the People

**LISTENING**

Song of Preparation

*"Speak, O Lord"*

Scripture

Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: The Tired, Worn Down, and Burned Out"

**COMMUNING**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*"Come Ye Disconsolate"*  
*"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"*

**SENDING**

Offertory

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

\*Postlude

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

\*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 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

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**Church Office Closed**

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**6:00PM:** Lenten Service in the Chapel

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

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

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**GREETERS:** Don and Gerri VanBaren; **WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Austin Parks, and Robert Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema and Joey Nyhanna

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Mary Koster

## ***CARE...***

**Lynn Hoeksema** is recovering at home from outpatient surgery she had this past Thursday.

**Phyllis DeYoung** had successful surgery on Tuesday, February 6, and has been able to return home.

**Grace Jacobsma** is now at Hartsfield Rehab, Room #104A, due to a fracture in her pelvis.

**Jean Spiekhout** has been able to return home.

**Trina Taylor** has completed her chemo treatments and is scheduled for surgery February 28.

**Carol Housman** is in hospice care.

**Judy Brouwers** is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

**Kathy Oord** continues with her cancer treatments.

**Christopher Nelson** has completed his cancer treatments and will go through testing.

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:** **Carol Barnes**, Arden Courts, Room 16, 2045 E. 170<sup>th</sup> St., South Holland, IL 60473

## ***OUR GIFTS...***

### **Sunday, February 11**

Offering: \$5,787.82 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Giving Total: \$5,787.82

Reach 175: \$81.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$38,700.71

## ***ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...***

**First Emergency:** Alison VanderWoude

**First Security:** Barry Voss

## CHURCH LIFE...

**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](mailto: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 be meeting on **Tuesday, February 27**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. We will review the homework from Session 5, pgs. 101-112 and discuss your findings. Please memorize Revelation 19:11. Hope to see you there!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00am and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 others Open Access runs in our region.

**LET THE GOOD TIMES BOWL:** Join the Fellowship Planning and Events Committee for a church-wide bowling event on **Sunday, March 3**, from 3:00pm-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.

**COMING SOON,** Illiana Bible League Volunteers are hosting a fun Spring luncheon at Smits Farms: 3437 Sauk Trail, Chicago Heights, IL on **Thursday, March 21**, at 11:30am. You will learn about the impact of the Bible League's ministry around the world while you enjoy a delicious lunch of chicken and fish and great music from the Illiana Christian High School Jazz Band. Tickets are \$30.00. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, March 10. Reach out to your Bible League contacts, Becky Wright or Judy Gill, for tickets. An offering will be taken to provide God's Word to others.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** today! Next week we meet 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 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.

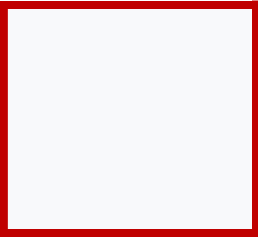
***SERMON NOTES...***

Matthew 11:25-30

“Guess Who’s Coming To Dinner: The Tired, Worn Down, and Burned Out”

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 Grevengood**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

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*Director of Family Life*  
*Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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.