

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
February 25, 2024



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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
February 25, 2024
GATHERING

Organ Prelude *"Forty Days and Forty Nights," "Scherzo on Holy Manna"*
"Be Present at Our Table Lord," and "Come for the Feast Is Spread"

Opening Song *"Come to Me"*

*Welcome & Call to Worship Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship *"Jesus Strong and King"*
"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance *"Nothing But the Blood"*

Greeting One Another Pastor Jim Oord

Prayers of the People *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

LISTENING

Song of Preparation *"Lord, Speak Now to Your Children Praying"*

Scripture Luke 14:12-24

Sermon *"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Dinner with the Lame"*
Pastor Corey Buchanan & Michael Panther

COMMUNING

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

SENDING

Offertory *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

*Doxology

*Benediction Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

*Postlude *"Near the Cross"*

*Those who are able please stand.

Please, join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

CARE...

Lynn Hoeksema will be meeting with an oncologist this week. One of the masses removed in her recent surgery was determined to be cancerous. They will be exploring treatment options in the coming weeks.

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.

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

Carol Housman is in hospice care.

Ruth DeBoer continues to recover at Hartsfield Village Assisted Living.

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: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 18
Offering: \$6,231.70; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)
Giving Total: \$6,231.70
Reach 175: \$211.08
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$38,911.79

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude
First Security: Barry Voss

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

GREETERS: Don and Nyla DeGraff
WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim & Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, & Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema and Joey Nyhanna
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Mary Koster

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 3

GREETERS: Don VanBaren and Jim DeGroot; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Bella VanderWoude
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot, Claude & Sharon Brooks, & Gwen Adams
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful church family for covering our family in prayer and welcoming Jonah. We appreciate the meals, messages, cards and gifts. A special thank you for the beautiful quilt that was given. We can't wait for you all to meet him! - Ray and Chandra Ondrejka

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@frch.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 this **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!

LET THE GOOD TIMES BOWL: Join us 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 today, **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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets 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 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 14:12-24

“Dinner with the Lame”

Pastor Corey Buchanan & Michael Panther

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

Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
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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.