

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 3, 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!

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GATHERING

Organ Prelude

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"
"O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near"
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Opening Song

"Come to Me"

*Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

LISTENING

Scripture

John 6

Sermon

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: The Fickle Five Thousand"

COMMUNING

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

SENDING

Offertory

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*Doxology

Pastor Jim Oord

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*Postlude

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

*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 is very pleased and optimistic after her visit with the oncologist. After some more testing on the tumor and an additional scan they will be deciding her treatment plan.

Phyllis DeYoung had a small set back in recovery with some heart issues but is doing better and will begin chemo treatments in a few weeks.

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

Trina Taylor is recovering from surgery at the University of Chicago Hospital in Hyde Park.

Craig Nelson has been admitted to Franciscan Hospital with pneumonia.

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.

Mike and Pam Costello’s granddaughter, Chloe, is in the hospital receiving treatment.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Arleta Hommes, Valparaiso Senior Living (Memory Care Unit) #213, 74 Porter Campus Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 25
Offering: \$5,581.17
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)
Giving Total: \$5,781.17
Reach 175: \$281.08
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$39,192.87

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Emergency: Mary Decker
First Security: Rich Thornton

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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: Don & Gerri Van Baren, Claude & Sharon Brooks, & Gwen Adams
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, MARCH 4

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:30AM: ACT meeting in the Heritage Room
6:00PM: First Wednesday Fellowship Meal in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9:00-11:00AM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 10

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Liam VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nate Housman, Bill Nyhanna, Grant Sikkema, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Barb Grevengoed, and Lisa Triemstra

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Eric & Kelly Bruinsma and their family and friends on the death of their 20-year-old son, Austin, on Sunday, February 25; funeral services were held March 1.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Carol Housman who passed away February 26. Funeral arrangements are planned for April.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Don VanderGiessen, who passed away on Sunday, February 25. Don was the nephew of Clarence and Judy Brouwers and a former member and a friend of many at First Reformed Church.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: The annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, May 2**, at 7:30am at Spirit of God Fellowship. Every year, this is a powerful opportunity for our community to come together in prayer. If you're interested in attending and sitting at our church's table, please sign up in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall or speak to Pastor Jim.

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 on **Tuesday, March 12**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. We will watch our last video of our study on Revelation, "The Promises of Heaven." Hope to see you there!

LET THE GOOD TIMES BOWL: Join us at LanOak Lanes in Lansing for a church-wide bowling event **today** from 3:00pm-5:30pm. Cost is \$15/bowler and includes shoe rental and unlimited bowling. Talk to Anthony if you'd like to attend.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday, March 10. Please set your clock forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



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, March 6: First Wednesday Fellowship (meal & prayer)
- ❖ Wednesday, March 13: Lenten Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday, March 20: Lenten Worship Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Service (6:00pm)

Friday, March 29: Good Friday Service (7:00pm)

Sunday, March 31: Easter Service (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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

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.

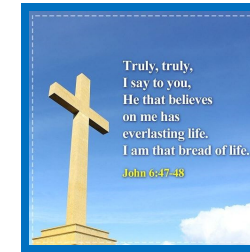
SERMON NOTES...

John 6

“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner: The Fickle Five Thousand”

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...

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Anthony Bolkema
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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.