

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
March 17, 2024

Jesus Gives  
Us Unity  
John 17:20-26



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

*"The Glory of These Forty Days"*  
*"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"*  
*"God So Loved the World"*

Opening Song

*"Come to Me"*

\*Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"Come, Thou Fount"*

*"Be, Thou, My Vision"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"Christ the Sure & Steady Anchor"*

Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

LISTENING

Song of Preparation

*"Ancient Words"*

Scripture

John 17:20-26

Sermon

*"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Saint Patrick & Friends!"*

COMMUNING

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*"Bread of the World/There is a Fountain"*

SENDING

Offertory

*"Christ Be All Around Me"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

\*Postlude

*"Jesus, All for Jesus"*

\*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...

**Marla Owens** has been hospitalized at Munster Franciscan.

**John Kraai** has been transferred to Rush Hospital struggling with a variety of health issues.

**Lynn Hoeksema** met with her surgeon at the University of Chicago and is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, April 2. She thanks everyone for their prayers and asks you not to stop praying for her.

**Phyllis DeYoung** started a series of 6 chemo treatments on Monday, March 11.

**Grace Jacobsma** continues at Hartsfield Rehab, Room #104A, due to a fractured pelvis.

**Trina Taylor** is recovering from surgery at home.

**Craig Nelson** has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home.

**Mark Anker** is in rehab at Franciscan Hospital.

**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,** has returned home from the hospital and is continuing to receive care.

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

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Anita Decker-Steenbergen,** Hartsfield Village #1308, 10000 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 10

Offering: \$9,499.81 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)  
Other Income: \$3,073.00; Giving Total: \$12,572.81  
Reach 175: \$111.08; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$39,945.03

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Emergency: Mary Decker  
First Security: Rich Thornton

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Alison VanderWoude  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Anthony Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Dacia Hill, Bill Nyhanna, and Grant Sikkema  
**PROJECTION:** Jonathan VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema  
**NURSERY:** Izzy Veldboom  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Gerri VanBaren  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gail Housman, Mary Paulton, and Gerri VanBaren

MONDAY, MARCH 18

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel  
7:00PM: Easter Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

12:30PM: CPO Graduation in the Fellowship Hall

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

**GREETERS:** Don & Gerri VanBaren  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra  
**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams  
**VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude  
**SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nyla DeGraff, Joanne Hoeksema. and Ellen Nelson

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THANK YOU** for all the prayers and concerns on behalf of our great granddaughter, Lettie DeYoung. She was able to get her feeding tube out and is gaining weight nicely. Prayers answered and we are so thankful! - Don & Nyla DeGraff

**FLOWERS ON THE ORGAN** are given by the family of Harriet Santefort in memory of her birthday in March.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** If you are interested in joining us in the Easter Choir Sunday, March 31, we invite you to join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays March 20 & 27 at 7:00pm. Whether you've sung with us for 30 years or never before, we'd love to have you join us! See Anthony with any questions.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** The church office is busy updating the church directory, but we still need pictures! If you have not yet submitted a recent photo of you/your family, please help us out by promptly emailing photos@frcsh.org (please also submit any changes in address/phone/email that may have taken place since our last published directory). Alternatively, you can ask a staff member to take a quick picture after church. Thank you!

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will conclude the study on "Revelation: Extravagant Hope" on **Tuesday, March 26**, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please work on Session 6 workbook pgs. 121-132 and memorize Revelation 21:4. Hope you can attend! The Salad Luncheon will be rescheduled to another date later in the spring.

**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. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

- ❖ Wednesday, March 20: Lenten Worship Service
- ❖ Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Service (6:00pm)
- ❖ Friday, March 29: Good Friday Service (7:00pm)
- ❖ Sunday, March 31: Easter Service (9:30am)

**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.

**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 others Open Access runs in our region.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Chicagoland Prison Outreach will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a banquet on **Tuesday May 21** at 6:30 at the Tinley Park Convention Center. More details to follow.

## 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!

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

## 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 TODAY. 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.

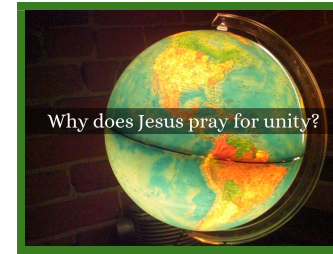
***SERMON NOTES...***

John 17:20-26

“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner: Saint Patrick & Friends!”

Pastor James 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*

**Anthony Bolkema**  
*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

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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.