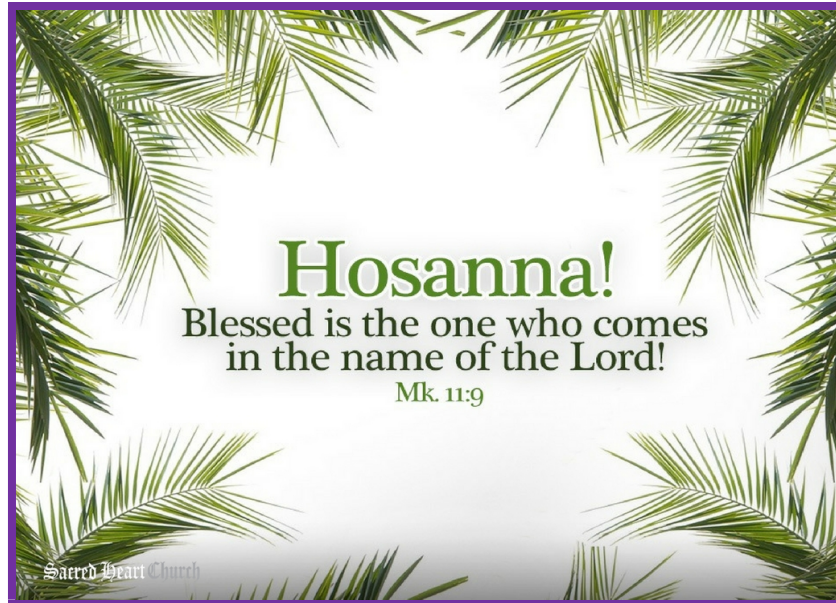


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
PALM SUNDAY
March 24, 2024



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!

PALM SUNDAY
March 24, 2024
GATHERING

Organ Prelude

"Psalm 87"
"Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

*Welcome & Call to Worship

Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
"Shout Hosanna"
"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Jesus Strong & Kind"

Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

LISTENING

Song of Preparation

"Speak, O Lord"

Scripture

John 2:13-25

Sermon

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: All Y'All"

COMMUNING

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

"Behold the Lamb"

SENDING

Offertory

"Open the Gates of the Temple"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*Postlude

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*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...

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: Laurel DeGraff, Joanne Hoeksema. and Ellen Nelson

MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00PM: Easter Choir Practice

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:00PM: Service in the Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Church Office & Family Life Day Care Closed

7:00PM: Service in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

GREETERS: Don and Nyla DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord

WORSHIP TEAM: Joe Fransen, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris, Cindy Nylen and Faye Gowens

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Mary Koster, Cindy Paarlberg, and Nyla DeGraff

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 continues a series of 6 chemo treatments she began 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 now in therapy at Symphony of Dyer.

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: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Health Care, Room# 108, 16300 Wausau Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 17

Offering: \$14,760.50 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Other Income: \$160.00; Giving Total: \$14,920.50

Reach 175: \$362.93; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$40,307.96

CPO: \$40.00; Giving Total: \$440.00

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Emergency: Mary Decker

First Security: Rich Thornton

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU so much to my First Church family for the love and support you have shown me since my cancer diagnosis and my surgery. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, visits, notes, and texts. The encouraging words from those who have traveled this path before me have been especially meaningful and precious to me. The love and support you have shown to me has been overwhelming! I can tell that many people are praying for me. I humbly ask for your prayers as I continue my chemotherapy journey. – Phyllis DeYoung

CALLING ALL SINGERS! If you are interested in joining us in the Easter Choir Sunday, March 31, we invite you to join us for rehearsal on Wednesday, March 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 for later in the spring.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 11:10am. (No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.)

- 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.

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.

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.

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN SOUTH HOLLAND will be hosting an Open House on **Monday, March 28** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. More information is available on our website, calvinschool.org.

UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: We're here at the new campus and we love it. Getting to this point was a community effort that included many prayers, donations, volunteer hours, and much more. Please join us in celebrating the UCA community and the goodness of our God at our new location (700 East 170th Street, South Holland) on **Thursday, April 11**. A ceremony will be held at 9:00am with the ribbon cutting scheduled for 10:30am. Refreshments will be served.

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

SERMON NOTES...

John 2:13-25
“Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner: All Y’All”
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

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Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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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.