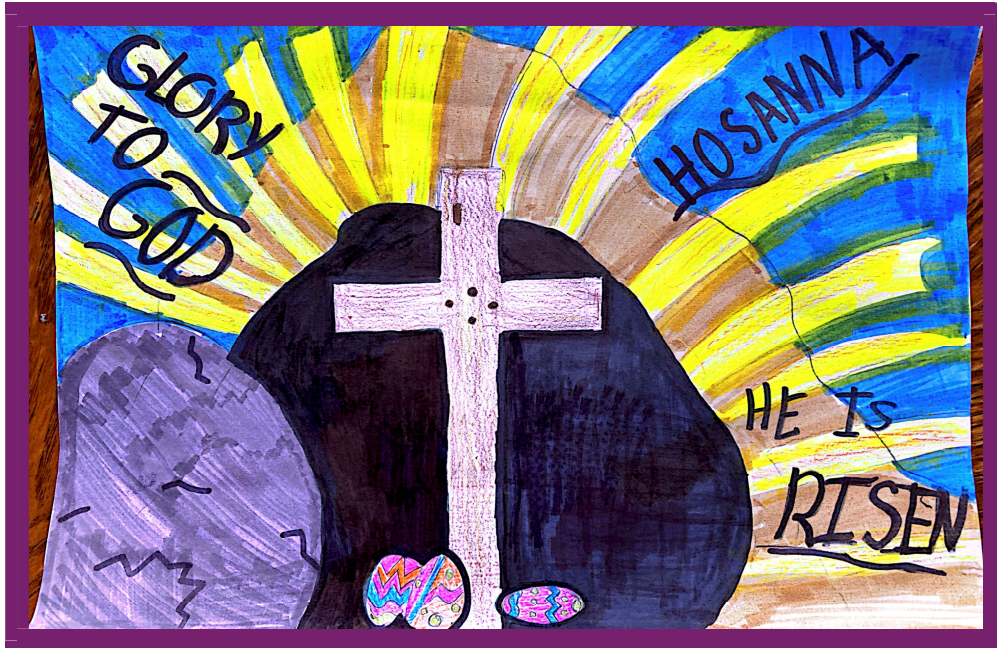


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

CHRIST IS RISEN; HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Eastertide is the 50-day period beginning with Easter Sunday and ending with the celebration of Pentecost. How beautiful that the Church's celebration of New Life and Resurrection aligns with the season of Spring here in the Northern Hemisphere. As one hymn puts it, "See, the spring of souls today, Christ has burst death's prison!"

Just as the dreary drab cold of winter bursts into green new life around us, we experience the life-giving power of the gospel as we meet Jesus here.

For 175 years, First Reformed Church has been a place celebrating the "spring of souls" that we find in Jesus.

So, whether you've been worshipping here for 90+ years, whether this is your first time here, whether you're old or young, a lifelong Christian or someone seeking answers to life's questions, this is a place to meet Jesus, our risen Lord, and find new life, abundant life, changed life, meaningful life in him.

EASTER SUNDAY  
March 31, 2024

GATHERING

Organ Prelude

*"Were You There?"*

*"Morning Bells Ring the Mystery"*

*"Hear the Bells Ringing Christ is Risen"*

*"Resurrection Morning"*

Jenne DeYoung

*"Crown the Resurrection Day"*

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

*"Living Hope"*

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*"Worship Christ, the Risen King"*

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Pastor Jim Oord

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

\*Opening Song

\*Welcome & Greeting

\*Congregational Worship

\*Prayer of Adoration

Greeting One Another

Prayers of the People

LISTENING

Scripture

John 21:1-14

Sermon

*"Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?"*

COMMUNING

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Those wishing to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" go directly to choir loft after receiving communion & giving their offerings.*

SENDING

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Closing Song of Worship

*"Hallelujah Chorus"*

\*Postlude

*"On Our Way Rejoicing"*

\*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...*

**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, Laurel DeGraff, and Cindy Paarlberg

**MONDAY, APRIL 1**

**Church Office will be closed!**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

**7:30AM:** ACT meets in the Heritage Room

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**GREETERS:** Steve VanderWoude & Liam VanderWoude  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Alison VanderWoude  
**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers  
**VIDEO:** Mike Decker  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nyla DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna  
**6:30-8:00PM:** OASIS meets in the Activity Center

*CARE...*

**Arleta Hommes** is in hospice care at Valparaiso Senior Living.  
**Marla Owens** is recovering from a medical procedure at Munster Franciscan.  
**John Kraai** is in hospice care at Rush Hospital.  
**Lynn Hoeksema** is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, April 2 at the University of Chicago.  
**Phyllis DeYoung** continues a series of 6 chemo treatments she began Monday, March 11.  
**Grace Jacobsma** has returned home from rehab.  
**Trina Taylor** is recovering from surgery at home.  
**Craig Nelson** has been readmitted to Crown Point Franciscan Hospital.  
**Mark Spiekhout** will be having back surgery on April 11 in Chesterton, Indiana.  
**Kathy Oord** continues with her cancer treatments.  
**Christopher Nelson** tests results showed he is cancer free and will be tested periodically.  
**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:** **Arleta Hommes,** Valparaiso Senior Living (Memory Care Unit) Room #213, 74 Porter Campus Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383

*OUR GIFTS...*

**Sunday, March 24**

Offering: \$10,931.17 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00); Giving Total: \$10,931.17  
Reach 175: \$81.08  
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$40,389.04

*ON DUTY FOR MARCH...*

**First Emergency:** Mary Decker  
**First Security:** Rich Thornton

## *CHURCH LIFE...*

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Mark Anker who passed away on March 26. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 3 from 9:00-11:00am followed by the funeral service at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer, IN.

**THANK YOU**, Cindy Nylen, Randy DeBok, and their team for providing and placing the palms and Easter lilies that have helped enhance our Holy Week worship services!

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to Keelyn Sikkema for providing this Sunday's bulletin artwork.

**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](mailto: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!

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!** Sunday School will continue next week for all ages from 11:10am-noon.

**OASIS** (Junior & Senior High Students) meets **Sunday, April 7**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall.

**COOKIE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS**, please check your mailbox for the May-August schedule. Thank you for your commitment to this vital ministry at First 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.

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY:** The South Holland Ministerial Association is organizing men's and women's monthly Bible Studies. This is a great opportunity to connect with believers and leaders from other churches. The men will have meetings the second Tuesday of every month, beginning April 9, from 7:00-8:00am, at the Heritage House (443 E 157th St). The women will meet the second Thursday of every month, beginning April 11, from 6:00-7:00pm, at the Community Center (501 E 170th Street).

**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....*

**FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN DAY CARE** will be closed from Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5 for their Spring break. Church Office closed Monday, April 1.

**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....*

**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 170<sup>th</sup> 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. We are asking all guests to RSVP themselves and any table guests online this year by visiting [www.cpoministries.org/30years](http://www.cpoministries.org/30years) or by calling our office at 708-331-3301.

***SERMON NOTES...***

John 21:1-14

“Guess Who’s Coming to Breakfast”

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*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Steve Alexander**  
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*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.