

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 14, 2024



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude *"The Heavens Are Telling"*
"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace/Not What My Hands Have Done"
"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Worship *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*
"Praise the King"
"O Praise the Name"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture 11 Corinthians 5:16-6:13
Sermon "God at Work: Take Your Children to Work Day"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offertory *"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*
Sunday School Choir

*Doxology
*Benediction Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*
*Postlude *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing/Jesus the Light of the World"*
*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...

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Jim DeGroot
WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Joey Nyhanna
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Nyla DeGraff
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Raylene Oord, and Katie Sikkema

MONDAY, APRIL 15

6:00PM: Worship Committee meets in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

7:00PM: Family Life Day Care Board Meeting meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Steve DeVries
PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Amber Fransen, and Mary Koster

CARE...

The Memorial Gathering for **Carol Housman** will be held this Friday, April 19, at noon at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer.

Arleta Hommes is in hospice care at Valparaiso Senior Living.

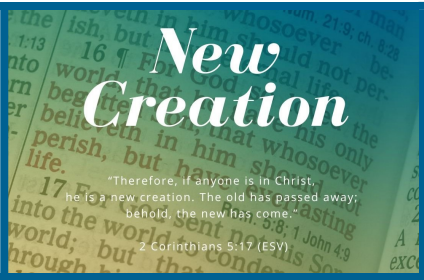
Mark Spiekhout is home recovering from back surgery.

Phyllis DeYoung and **Kathy Oord** continue with their cancer treatments.

Jodi Bult, Don and Noreen VanDeursen’s daughter, is scheduled for back surgery on Wednesday, April 17.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, 12565 Renaissance Circle, Room #308, Homer Glen, IL 60491



OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 7

Offering: \$10,280.81; *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*
Other Income: \$1,600.00
Giving Total: \$11,880.81
Reach 175: \$106.08
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$41,731.20

ON DUTY FOR APRIL...

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan
First Security: Mike Costello

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU to my First Church family for supporting me with prayers, cards, and flowers. It lifted me up! I am recovering slowly and having rehab and home help now.
– Marla Owens

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our annual congregational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 14**, from 6:30-7:30pm in the chapel. All are encouraged to attend! Childcare (for all ages) will be provided in the Activity Center. We will approve a church budget and elect elders, deacons, and trustees (eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age).

FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held on **Saturday, May 4** from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Church. Mark your calendars to join us in playing one of four game options: Euchre, Settlers of Catan, Yahtzee, and Dominos. Pizza and drinks will also be served. More information will be available soon!

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!

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.

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

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.

THE SECOND INSTALLMENT of the First Reformed Church Project 175 Banner series is on display. This banner is hanging on the south end of the Fellowship Hall and covers the years 1873-1898. Be sure to check out this new installation today during fellowship time following morning worship.

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 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....

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 or by calling our office at 708-331-3301.

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, from 7:00-8:00am, at the Heritage House (443 E 157th St). The women will meet the second Thursday of every month, from 6:00-7:00pm, at the Community Center (501 E 170th Street). Come out and join us!

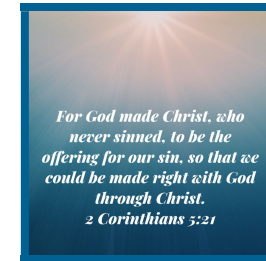
SERMON NOTES...

“God at Work: Take Your Children to Work Day”

11 Corinthians 5:16-6:13

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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Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith
*Director of Family Life
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.