

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 21, 2024



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Easter tide 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 21, 2024
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Sing Praise to God"
"Blessed Assurance"
"Lord, Here Am I"
"Still Now Your Hearts – Psalm 46"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Christ is Alive!"
"Cornerstone"

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

1 Corinthians 7:17-24, 10:31

Sermon

"God at Work: God at Your Job"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Postlude

"Trumpet Fanfare in C"

*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 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

6:30-8:00PM: OASIS Meets in the Activity Center

MONDAY, APRIL 22

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

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

4:00-6:00PM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Don VanBaren

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Lucas Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra,

Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Alison VanderWoude

CARE...

Arleta Hommes is in hospice care at Valparaiso Senior Living.

Mark Spiekhout is recovering at home from back surgery.

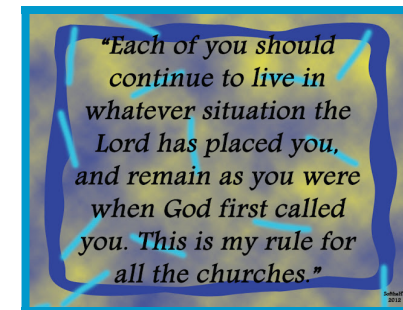
Phyllis DeYoung has been admitted to Palos Hospital with pneumonia.

Kathy Oord continues with her cancer treatments.

Jodi Bult, Don and Noreen VanDeursen's daughter, will be having her back surgery rescheduled.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Carol Barnes, Arden Courts #16, 2045 E. 170th St., South Holland, IL 60473



OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 14

Offering: \$7,623.91; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$241.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$41,972.08

ON DUTY FOR APRIL...

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

First Security: Mike Costello

CHURCH LIFE...

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). The following persons have been placed in nomination for the office of:

ELDER: Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, and Joanne Hoeksema. Office of elder (one-year term): Anthony Bolkema.

DEACON: Rodger Norris, Barry Voss, and Debbie Woltzen. Office of deacon (two-year term): Lisa Triemstra.

TRUSTEE: Nyla DeGraff, Steve DeVries, and Rich Zimmerman.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet 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.

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

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 Ave.). 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.

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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary with the annual 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 Noreen at the office at 708-331-3301 by Wednesday, May 1.

JUNETEENTH: The South Holland Ministerial Association is working together with the Village to host a community Juneteenth event on **Saturday, June 22**, from 12:00-5:00pm at Veterans Park. If you would like to volunteer for this exciting and important event, talk 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, 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: God at Your Job”

1 Corinthians 7:17-24, 10:31

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
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Jane Ackerman
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Nursery Coordinator

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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.