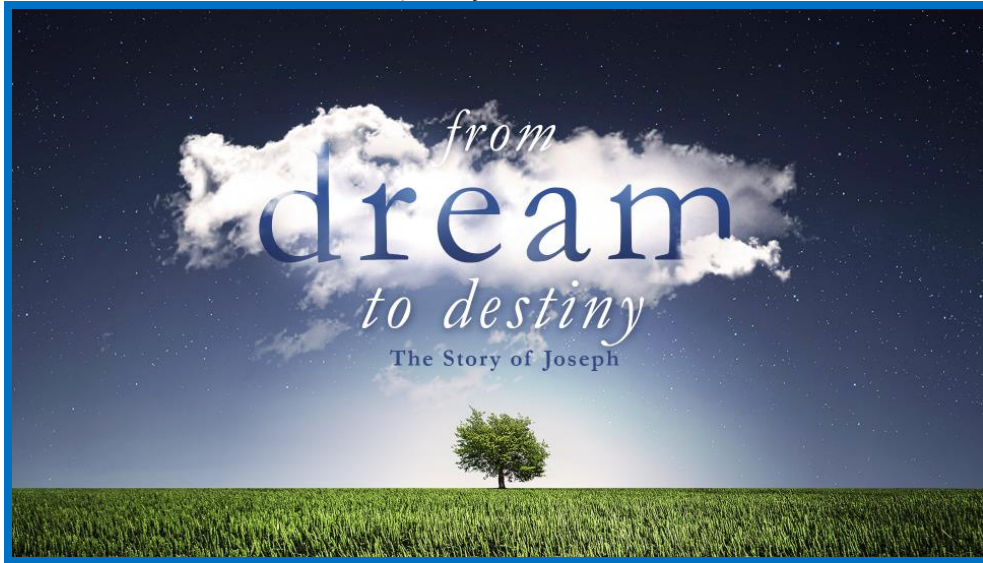


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 28, 2024



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.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"All Creatures of Our God and King"
"Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"A Child of the King"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"
"Praise the Name of Jesus"
"Goodness of God"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Tis So Sweet"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 41: 37-44

Sermon

"God at Work: When Work Works"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Rick Veldboom

Offertory

"You Are My All in All"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Postlude

"Renew Your Church"

*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 28

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Don VanBaren; **WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN AND PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 29

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

THURSDAY, MAY 2

7:30AM: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Spirit of God Fellowship

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:30-7:30PM: Game Night in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 5

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Gail Housman

ON DUTY FOR APRIL...

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

First Security: Mike Costello

CARE...

Arleta Hommes is in hospice care at Valparaiso Senior Living.

Mark Spiekhout is recovering at home from back surgery.

Kathy Oord continues with her cancer treatments.

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

To the body of Christ that meets at First Reformed Church:

I went to the hospital because they suspected that I had pneumonia. And I did; a small amount in my left lung which they cleared up with antibiotics.

But a CT scan of my lungs and abdomen revealed that despite receiving the most effective chemo available for my type of cancer, it did not help. The cancer has spread throughout my abdomen and part of my liver and left lung.

I am completely at peace with this. God is good, and I know he is still in the miracle business and He can eradicate the cancer from my entire body if He so chooses. But if not, He has given complete peace about this situation to Larry and me, and showered us with his Grace when we need it.

I love you. You have been so supportive of me though out this journey, with cards and visits and phone calls and messages. Many of you have brought us meals and I know that will continue. You have truly been the hands and feet of Jesus to me and Larry.

Phyllis DeYoung

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Wayne Deinema, Park Place of St. John, Room #3307, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373 (This is a new address).

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 21

Offering: \$10,509.17

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$206.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$42,178.16

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.

WE CELEBRATE with Rev. Dr. James Oord who graduated from the D-Min program at Western Seminary in Holland, Michigan, yesterday and is celebrating this weekend with his family.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held on **Saturday, May 4**, from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Church. Join us in playing one of four game options: Euchre, Settlers of Catan, Yahtzee, and Dominos. Pizza and drinks will also be served. Sign up today!

GOD AT WORK: Our current sermon series explores ways that Christ is sovereign over all parts of our life, even (and especially) the work we do. After he completed his doctorate, Anthony Bolkema started working with a cohort developing resources to help Christians examine their work through the lens of the gospel, centered on a book titled *Work and Worship: Reconnecting our Labor and Liturgy*. Much of their work can be found on worshipforworkers.com, which contains many prayers, litanies, and blessings for our everyday work. Some of these liturgies have been adapted for use in our worship services throughout the month of April. If you'd like to learn more, speak to Anthony.

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

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 this **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.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: They meet at 11:10am this morning.

- 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.

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!

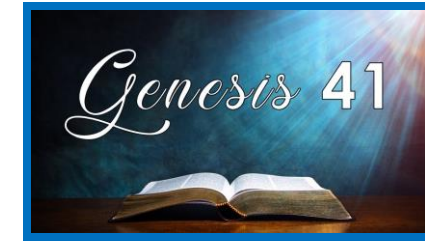
SERMON NOTES...

“God at Work: When Work Works”

Genesis 41:37-44

Pastor Corey Buchanan

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 Corey Buchanan
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Anthony Bolkema
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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.