

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Communion Sunday, May 5, 2024

Rejoice ALWAYS  
Pray CONTINUALLY  
Give Thanks  
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

1 THESS. 5:16-18

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.

*Welcome to First Reformed Church!*

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Communion Sunday, May 5, 2024

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Christ Our Hope In Life and Death"*  
*"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"*  
*"Nearer, Still Nearer"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"This Is My Father's World"*  
*"I Am Trusting"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

I Thessalonians 5:1-24

Sermon

"God at Work: Working Our Way Toward the Future"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

*"You Are My All In All"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

\*Postlude

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

\*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...*

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 5

**GREETERS:** Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude

**WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord

**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 Nylen, and Faye Gowens

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

### MONDAY, MAY 6

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

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

**6:30PM:** DNA meets in the Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

**9:00-11:00AM:** Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

### MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 12

**GREETERS:** Don DeGraff and Jim DeGroot

**WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra

**PROJECTION:** Joey Nyhanna

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

**ORGAN:** Bonnie Feenstra

**PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Joanne Hoeksema, Lisa Triemstra, and Deb Woltzen

## *CARE...*

Phyllis DeYoung's cancer has spread, and she is receiving palliative care at home.

Arleta Hommes is in hospice care at Valparaiso Senior Living.

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.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John #1212, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN. 46373

## *OUR GIFTS...*

### Sunday, April 28

Offering: \$4,738.64

Other Income: \$100.00

*(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Reach 175: \$251.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$42,429.24

## *ON DUTY FOR MAY...*

**First Emergency:** Trina Taylor

**First Security:** Colin Cutler

## *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.

**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!**

## CHURCH LIFE...

**THANK YOU** for all your prayers, cards, and all the words of encouragement. Please continue to keep me in your prayers for continuous healing of the nerves to restore my lower body and strength to walk. - Mark Spiekhout

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Our annual congregational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 14**, from 6:30-7:30pm in the chapel (organ and handicapped doors will be unlocked for entry). 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, & trustees (eligible communicant voters must be 18 yrs of age).

**ELDER NOMINATIONS:** Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, and Joanne Hoeksema.

Office of elder (one-year term): Anthony Bolkema.

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

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

**PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** Absentee Ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 14. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of "yes" or "no" for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

**IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS** is a packet with the minutes from the 2023 Congregational Meeting and the proposed annual budgets for 2024/2025. Please review and take this packet along with you to our annual Congregational Meeting on **Tuesday, May 14**, at 6:30PM in the Chapel.

**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](http://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.

**TODAY WE UNVEIL** the third installment of the First Reformed Church Project 175 Banner series. This banner is hanging on the south end of the Fellowship Hall and covers the years 1898-1923. Be sure to check out this new installation today during fellowship time following morning worship.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** The church office continues 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@frsch.org](mailto:photos@frsch.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!

**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.

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

**CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH** will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the annual banquet on **Tuesday, May 21**, at 6:30 at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

**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!

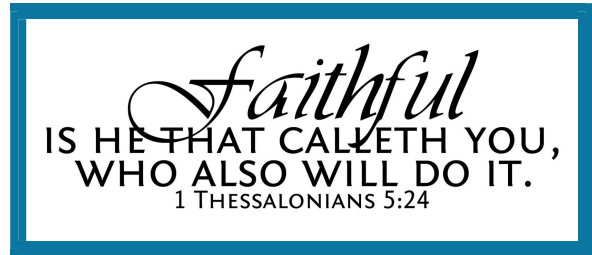
***SERMON NOTES...***

“God at Work: Working Our Way Toward the Future”

I Thessalonians 5:1-24

Pastor Jim Oord and Chad & Dara VandenBosch

**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**  
*Church Custodian*

**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.