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9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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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.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 12, 2024

get wisdom

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother’s Day Sunday, May 12, 2024

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	<i>“Crown Him with Many Crowns”</i> <i>“Beautiful Savior”</i> <i>“Household of Faith”</i>
Welcome & Call to Worship	Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Singing	<i>“Rejoice, the Lord is King”</i> <i>“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”</i> <i>“Lord Most High”</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Song of Assurance	<i>“Your Presence is Heaven to Me”</i>
Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
Prayers of the People	Pastor Jim Oord
Wisdom Reading & Memory Work	<i>“Write These Words in Our Hearts”</i>
Apostles’ Creed	

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Proverbs 31:1-10
Sermon	“Get Wisdom: Motherly Wisdom”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory	<i>“Mighty to Save”</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”</i>
*Postlude	<i>“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”</i>

*Those who are able please stand.
Please, join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

CARE...

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: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, #63A, 3450 Saratoga Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 5

Offering: \$11,574.41 (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*)

Reach 175: \$351.59

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$42,780.83

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.

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@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!

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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: Nolan Bolkema; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra
PIANO: Jeremiah Green
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Lisa Triemstra, and Deb Woltzen

MONDAY, MAY 13

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
7:00PM: Elders meeting in the Heritage Room (No Deacons meeting)

TUESDAY, MAY 14

6:30PM: Congregational Meeting in the Chapel (childcare in the Activity Center)

SUNDAY, MAY 19

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen
WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Austin Parks, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Nyla DeGraff, and Ellen Nelson

SERMON NOTES...

“Get Wisdom: Motherly Wisdom”
Proverbs 31:1-10
Pastor Jim 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.

CHURCH LIFE...

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Larry, Tim & Megan DeYoung, and their families. Our sister Phyllis passed into glory on Thursday, May 9. Funeral arrangements are pending.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also expressed to the VanDeursen family on the passing of Shirley's sister-in-law, Carole VanDeursen, on May 7 in Tennessee.

MEMORY VERSE: We encourage you to join us in memorizing bits of the Bible's wisdom each week. The passage we'll recite together on Sunday, May 19, is Proverbs 4:18-19: *"The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble."*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our annual congregational meeting will be held this **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 this 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 this **Tuesday, May 14**, at 6:30PM in the Chapel.

CHURCH SUMMER FELLOWSHIP! On **Sunday, June 9**, we will follow our worship service with a hot dog and brat cookout and lawn games in the church front yard from 11:00am-1:00pm. Mark your calendars and dress accordingly for a time of fellowship, food, and fun! In case of rain, this event will be moved to the Activity Center. Sign up at the Welcome Center so we can put a brat on the grill for you!

(Be sure to bring along a lawn chair.)

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....

JOIN US at the Tinley Park Convention Center on **Tuesday, May 21**, at 6:30 pm as we celebrate a remarkable journey of faith, transformation, and hope as we mark the 30th anniversary of Chicagoland Prison Outreach's dedication to supporting the incarcerated and their families. Let a church staff member or Noreen VanDeursen know TODAY if you still want to attend. Don't miss out on this celebration.

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!