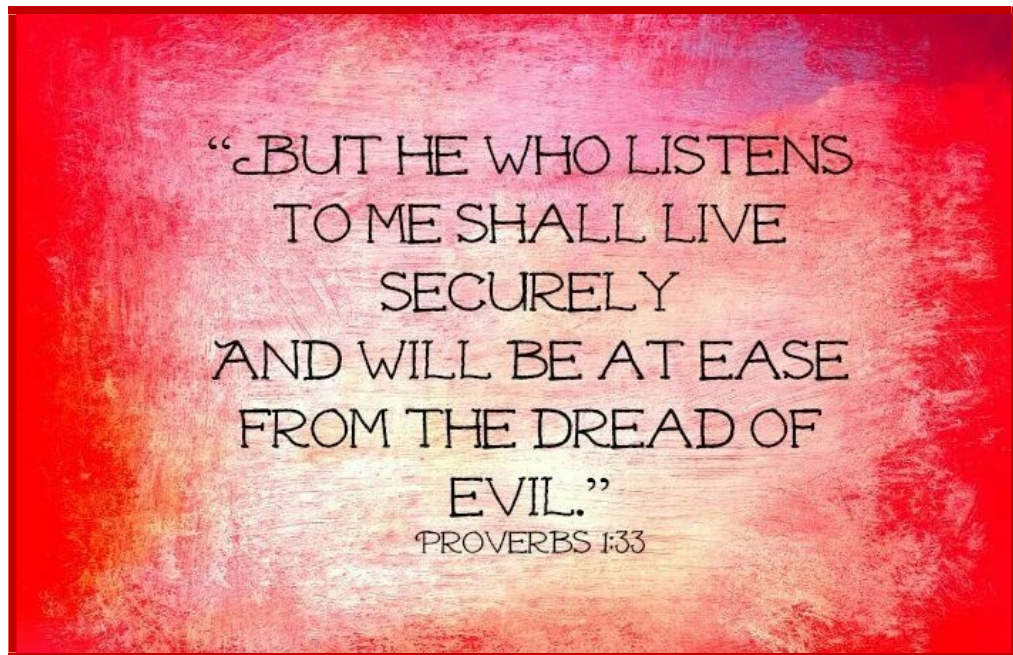


**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
**DAY OF PENTECOST**  
Sunday, May 19, 2024



***Welcome to First Reformed Church!***

Life can be confusing, overwhelming, and sometimes scary.  
But you don't have to face it alone:  
God's Word offers wisdom,  
The Holy Spirit offers presence,  
and the Church offers community.

For 175+ years, First Reformed Church has been gathering every week for worship, for fellowship, and for equipping. Whatever your struggle, whatever your song, whatever your burden, this is the right place to be today!

We're glad you're with us as we enter a new week together with the gracious forgiveness, warm welcome, and courageous hope we receive from Jesus.

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**WE APPROACH GOD**

Organ Prelude

*"Early in the Morning"*

Meditation on *"Veni Creator Spiritus"*

*"Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"*

Opening Song of Worship

*"Come Rest on Us"*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"*

*"Standing on the Promises of God"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

Wisdom Reading & Memory Work

*"Write These Words in Our Hearts"*

Apostles' Creed

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture

Proverbs 3:1-26

Sermon

*"Get Wisdom: Spirit of Wisdom"*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Offertory

*"Mighty to Save"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

\*Sending in Grace

*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

\*Postlude

*"Revive Us Again"*

\*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, MAY 19**

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen

**WELCOME CENTER:** Alison VanderWoude

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, and Robert Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

**SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Jim Oord

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Griff & Mary Decker and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Mary Bosman, Nyla DeGraff, and Ellen Nelson

### **MONDAY, MAY 20**

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 23**

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**GREETERS:** Dennis Woltzen and Don VanBaren

**WELCOME CENTER:** Gerri VanBaren

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Nate Housman, Julia Keep, and Peter Keep

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Rhonda DeBok, Nancy DeVries, and Barb Grevengoed

## ***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:** Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

## ***OUR GIFTS...***

### **Sunday, May 12**

Offering: \$5,474.57 (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*)

Gift & Memorial for Phyllis DeYoung: \$125.00; Other Income: \$1,600.00

Total Giving: \$7,199.57

Reach 175: \$311.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$43,091.91

## ***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!**

## **CHURCH LIFE...**

**MEMORY VERSE:** We encourage you to join us in memorizing bits of the Bible's wisdom each week. This week's passage is James 1:5: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION** for your nominations, attendance, and vote at this year's congregational meeting. The following members were elected to office: Elders: Anthony Bolkema, Roger DeGraff, Jim DeGroot, and Joanne Hoeksema. Deacons: Rodger Norris, Lisa Triemstra, Barry Voss, and Debbie Woltzen. Trustees: Nyla DeGraff, Steve DeVries, and Rich Zimmerman. The Consistory and congregation take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the leading of these individuals to service in our church. We pray for God's blessings on each of them as they lead and serve among us. We also bless God for the humble leadership and service of Ron Abernathy, Larry DeYoung, Clair Hoeksema, Steve VanderWoude, Tim DeYoung, Joe Fransen, Rich Thornton, and Colin Cutler, who are outgoing members of Consistory/Trustee.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to **Benjamin Wooley** graduating from Wilbur Wright Middle School, **Lucas VanderWoude** graduating from Illiana High School, **Izzy Veldboom** graduating from Chicago Christian High School, and **Aaron Taylor** graduating from Southern IL in Carbondale. God has a great plan for 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.

**OASIS** (Junior & Senior High Students) meets tonight, **Sunday, May 19**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please email Anthony at [anthony@frch.org](mailto:anthony@frch.org).

**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.)

**FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL & DAY CARE GRADUATION** is scheduled for **Friday, June 7**, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. All First Church members are invited to come and support our families in the Family Life Christian Day Care Program.

## **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.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be held on **Monday, May 27**, at 11:00am. The parade begins at South Park Avenue and 170th Street, heading north to Veterans Memorial Park. This parade is to honor those in the United States military who have risked their lives for this country. Following the parade, there will be a remembrance ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.

**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!



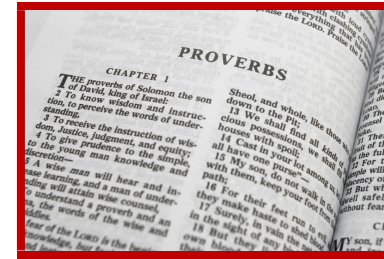
***SERMON NOTES...***

**“Get Wisdom: Spirit of Wisdom”**

**Proverbs 3:1-26**

**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.



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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.