

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, June 9, 2024

get wisdom

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

"Praise, my Lord, the King of Heaven"
"If You Will Only Let God Guide You"
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"My God Is All I Need"

Greeting One Another

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

Wisdom Reading & Memory Work

Song of Response

"Write These Words in Our Hearts"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Sermon

"Get Wisdom: Messy Wisdom"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory

"Great Are You, Lord"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

*Postlude

"The Praise of the Redeemed"

*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, JUNE 9

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Steve VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Lucas VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Austin Parks, Lisa Triemstra, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Merley Verhagen, and Katie Sikkema

11:00AM: Yard Games and lunch outside

MONDAY, JUNE 10

7:00AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

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

6:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Consistory meets (followed by Elder and Deacon meetings)

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

6:30PM: DNA meets in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 – FATHER’S DAY

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen; **WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Paulton, Alison VanderWoude, and Gerri VanBaren

CARE...

Arleta Hommes is in hospice care at Valparaiso Senior Living.

Sharon Dinkel will be getting outpatient cortisone injections for her sciatica on Thursday, June 13.

Solomon Davis, Pastor Corey’s 25-year-old nephew, is recovering from open heart surgery he had on May 29 at the University of Chicago. He will need a heart transplant when one is available.

Jodi Bult, Don and Noreen VanDeursen’s daughter, is recovering from back surgery.

Kathy Oord continues with her cancer treatments.

For those giving care to parents, spouses, siblings, children, and/or friends who are struggling.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Arleta Hommes**, Valparaiso Senior Living, Memory Care Unit #213) 74 Porter Campus Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, June 2

Offering: \$15,678.92 (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*)

Church Use: \$1,280.00; Total Giving: \$16,958.92

Reach 175: \$486.89

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$50,739.99

REMINDERS....

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@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!

CHURCH LIFE...

MEMORY VERSE: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

CHURCH SUMMER FELLOWSHIP! Today 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. Prepare for a time of fellowship, food, and fun! In case of rain, this event will be moved to the Activity Center.

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.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're continuing a series of "Getting to Know You" slides where our church family can meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. Maybe you'll be interviewed next!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: There are six of our friends from the Tibstra House who have earned a gold medal at the regional Special Olympics, which means that they get to go compete in the "downstate" games in Bloomington, which is being held this weekend. Congratulations to athletes **Bob Brink, Cher Tom, Bob Cook, Tracy Rito, Erin Julien, and Andy Swartwout**, who will be competing in various events involving throwing, walking, and running! And we celebrate with all who have participated in the games locally! Pray for safety, health, and lots of fun for all who participate.

ON DUTY FOR JUNE...
First Security: Barry Voss
First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude



THE CHOSEN SEASON 3 OPPORTUNITY!
This fall, we invite you to once again come out every other Wednesday to watch *The Chosen, Season 3* together. If you didn't watch season 1 & 2 with us last year, you're still welcome to come! You can catch up on Season 1 & 2 for free online (or ask the church office about DVDs you can borrow). This study starts on **Wednesday, August 28**, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm and run every other Wednesday until we finish Season 3. The episode screening will be followed by a short discussion and a deeper dig into the Bible's stories of the life of Jesus. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

Mark your calendars for these future exciting fellowship times!

FUTURE WEDNESDAY CHOSEN NIGHTS
September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, November 6 & 20 and December 11
6:00 – 7:30pm
December 4: First Christmas Party (no study)
December 18: Chapel Vespers Service

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

THE ANNUAL LEGACY BANQUET: Join us for an evening of celebration and inspiration on **Wednesday, June 12**, at 6:30pm, to remember and honor the founder of Restoration Ministries, Dr. John Sullivan, and those who are continuing his legacy. First Reformed Church of South Holland will be recognized with the **2024 Church Partner Award** for their steadfast support and friendship for more than 30 years! The banquet is being held at C·D&ME, 23320 S. LaGrange Road, Frankfort, IL. To purchase tickets, or become a sponsor, or to place an AD in their program book please contact Karen Vrdolyak at karenv@resorationministries.net or call (708)333-3370.

JUNETEENTH: The South Holland Ministerial Association is eagerly anticipating the inaugural Coming Together on Juneteenth, a festive event celebrating African-American history, on **Saturday, June 22**, from noon-5:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park. The event includes a prayer tent, gospel music, a Black Farmers Market, inspirational speakers, the Jesse White Tumblers, and much more! If you would like to volunteer for this exciting and important event, talk to Pastor Jim.

SERMON NOTES...

“Get Wisdom: Messy Wisdom”

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

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

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Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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Find us in the app store by searching for
"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting get.theapp.co/1779.



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.