

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, July 21, 2024



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

In 1973, Rev. Reinhold Krone, who served as our Minister of Education and Youth, wrote: "The times have changed greatly, but the mission through the total span of First Church's history has always been the same: to tell others of our Savior."

More than 50 years later, we're still at the same work - telling others about our Savior Jesus Christ and growing together in his grace.

We're glad you're here with us today as we worship and meet the one who walks with us on life's journeys. Through all the changing scenes of life, he will never let us go. At First Church, you'll find an adventurous community of fellow travelers pointing each other to Jesus as we walk.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"When Morning Gilds the Sky"
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"My Tribute"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"
"You Deserve It"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Good to Me"

*Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 30

Prayers of the People

Elder Jim DeGroot

Song of Response

"O Lord, I Will Extol You"

Sermon

"How's Your Heart? Giving God All the Credit"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory

Hymn Sing from the Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Our God Will Go Before Us"

*Organ Postlude

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*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, JULY 21

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Barry Voss; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
VIDEO: Mike Decker
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Ellen Nelson, Raylene Oord, and Mary Paulton

MONDAY, JULY 22

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

6:00PM: Summer Study meets @Calvary in S.H. (schedule has changed due to power outage last week – see announcement)

THURSDAY, JULY 25

4:00PM-6:00PM: Clothing Closet open in Activity Center

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Tippecanoe River State Park Church Camping Trip through Sunday

SUNDAY, JULY 28

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude
PROJECTION: Joey Nyhanna; **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoekstra
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Joanne Hoeksema, and Gerri VanBaren

CARE...

Emily Seefeldt, 97 years old and a longtime member of First Reformed Church, fell and broke her hip. She is recovering from surgery in Naples, Florida. Please keep Emily and the family in your prayers. Any cards can be sent to Cathy (Seefeldt) Maki at 23125 Sanabria Loop, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Shirley VanDeursen has returned to Park Place in St. John, IN.

Anne Koval was admitted to Ingalls Hospital due to a fracture.

Ellen Nelson requests prayers for her son Kurt and daughter Colleen, who are both going through a variety of serious health issues.

Craig and Jan Nelson continue to struggle with a variety of health issues and need prayers for health and strength.

Chuck Dinkel is recovering at home from surgery he had on July 1 for lung cancer at Advocate Christ Hospital.

Mary Berumen remains at Oak Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Room 100 to gain strength as she recovers from surgery.

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

CONTINUE TO PRAY for those battling cancer, going through treatments, facing side effects, or caring for a loved one with cancer.

AND FOR THOSE giving care to parents, spouses, siblings, children, and/or friends who are struggling.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 14

Offering: \$11,774.24 (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*)

Total Giving: \$11,774.24

Reach 175: \$379.46

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$52,724.94

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Nancy Bates on the passing of her nephew, Bill Bates, on July 11.

UNITY SERVICE: On **Sunday, August 25**, the entire congregation of Calvary Community Church will come to worship with us. Members of Family Church in Chicago Heights will also be included in this service. This service will be at our typical worship time of 9:30am. We eagerly anticipate these opportunities to share unity and fellowship in Christ.

EVERY WEDNESDAY through **August 21**, we will be holding a special study from 6:00-7:30pm. Plan on attending these opportunities to learn and grow together!

- **Topic:** "the ABCs of Being Reformed"
- **Who's invited:** members of Family Church, Calvary Community Church, and **YOU!**
- **What to bring:** your Bible
- **Who's teaching:** pastors and elders from all three churches
- **Where:** alternating between First Reformed (July 31, August 14) and Calvary Community (July 24 and August 7 and 21)

JOIN US FOR A GARY RAILCATS BASEBALL GAME on **Friday, August 9**, at 6:45pm. Tickets are \$13/person, which includes a \$5 voucher for concessions or merchandise. Sign up at the Welcome Centers if you can attend! Money for tickets can be given to the church office. Make checks payable to First Reformed Church.

BE SURE TO EMPTY your mail slot located downstairs at the base of the stairs.

IT'S SUMMER CONCERT SEASON for South Holland's Municipal Band! This **Thursday, July 25**, at 7:00pm, will be their first concert for the summer in Veterans Memorial Park. The Municipal Band plays a wide array of traditional show tunes and patriotic tributes. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy live music from the longest-running municipal band in the south suburbs!

ON DUTY FOR JULY...

First Security: Rich Thornton
First Emergency: Mary Decker



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 seasons 1 & 2 with us last year, you're still welcome to come! You can catch up on Seasons 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 “THE CHOSEN 3” 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

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. We are so close! (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!**

SERMON NOTES...

“How’s Your Heart? Giving God All the Credit”

Psalm 30

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
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Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengood
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
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Nursery Coordinator

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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.