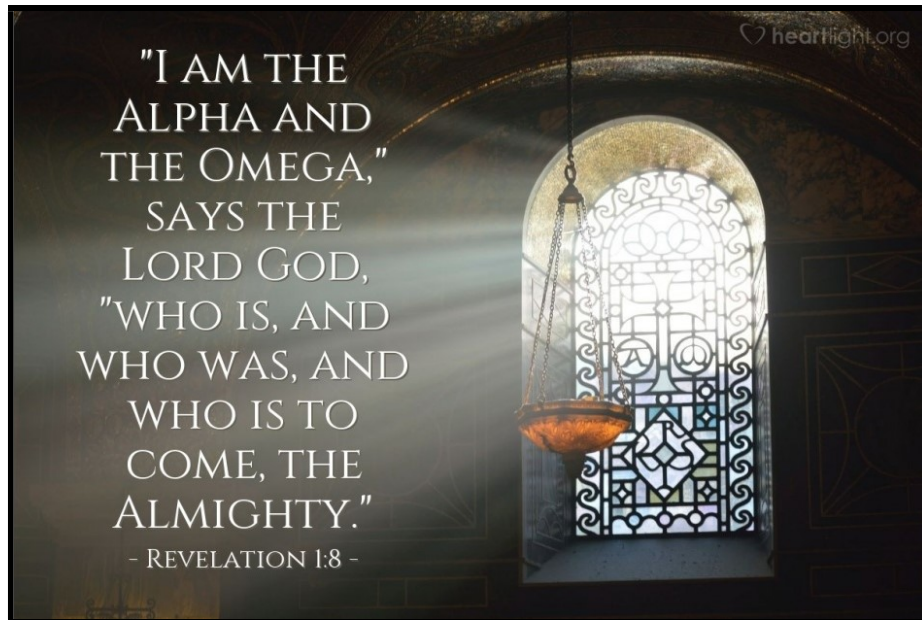


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, July 28, 2024



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

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"
"Be Still, My Soul"
"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Let All Things Now Living"
"To God Be the Glory"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Rich Grevengeod

Song of Assurance

"In Christ Alone"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Revelations 1:1-8

Message

"Hurry Up and Wait"

Prayers of the People

Elder Roger DeGraff

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory

"The Name of Jesus"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Our God Will Go Before Us"

*Organ Postlude

"Postlude"

*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 28

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Joanne Hoeksema, and Gerri VanBaren

MONDAY, JULY 29

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

6:00PM: Summer Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00AM: OASIS/Exodus Service Projects/Family Fun Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Don DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Gail Housman, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

ON DUTY FOR JULY...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Mary Decker

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.

Ralph Paarlberg fell and is recovering from a cracked rib.

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

Anne Koval's procedure to repair a fractured vertebra went well and has brought relief. She is continuing to recover at the hospital.

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.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, Room #63A, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

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 21

Offering: \$34,955.17 (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*)

Total Giving: \$34,955.17

Reach 175: \$5,681.59

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$58,406.53

CHURCH LIFE...

MY DEEPEST THANKS for the concern shown for my nephew, Bill Bates, who recently passed away. I appreciated Pastor Oord’s phone calls and prayers. Every card received lifted my heart. I am grateful to God for First Reformed Church. – Nancy Bates

BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT: Starbucks, Target, and Open Access are partnering to hold a "Back to School Family Fun Fair" for the South Suburbs, providing school supplies, vaccinations, and more for up to 600 children. This will be held at our church on Saturday, August 3, from 10:00am-2:00pm. Our church's Clothing Closet will be open during that time to provide clothing and toiletries to families in need. If you are interested in volunteering for our Clothing Closet on August 3, please email Pastor Jim.

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 and August 14) and Calvary Community (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.

COOKIE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS: Please check your mailbox for the September-December Cookie Duty schedule. Thank you for your commitment to this vital ministry at First Church.

SAVE THE DATE: The 28TH Annual Elim Dutch Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28, at Elim Christian Services in Crestwood. Be sure to mark your calendar.



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.

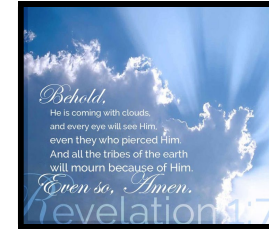
BE SURE TO EMPTY your mail slot located downstairs at the base of the stairs.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: We are so close! Please submit any changes in address/phone/email that may have taken place since our last published directory. You can ask a staff member to take a quick picture after church if you would like a new picture in the directory.

SERMON NOTES...

Revelations 1:1-8
“Hurry Up and Wait”
Pastor Corey Buchanan

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...

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Senior Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
Associate Pastor

Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

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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.