

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, August 11, 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.

TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"How Firm a Foundation"
"A Joyous Song of Praise"
"What a Friend"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
"Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)"
"My God Is All I Need"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"My Hope Is in the Lord"

Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 32

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

Message

"How's Your Heart? Forgiven!"

Song of Response

"It is Well"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory

Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Our God Will Go Before Us"

*Organ Postlude

Steve DeVries

*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, AUGUST 11

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen

WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord

WORSHIP TEAM: Austin Parks, Bill Nyhanna, Grant Sikkema, Bella VanderWoude, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Barb Housman, and Katie Sikkema

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

6:30PM: DNA meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Barry Voss

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Nate Housman, Peter & Julia Keep, Nikki Nyhanna, and Lisa Triemstra

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Amber Fransen, Barb Grevengoed, and Mary Koster

CARE...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Viola VanDam**! She will turn 104 years young this Tuesday, August 13! Cards can be sent to her at Providence Downers Grove, 3450 Saratoga Avenue, Room #63A, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Joanne Hoeksema has returned home from the hospital.

Anne Koval's procedure to repair a fractured vertebra went well and has brought relief. She continues her rehab at home.

Curt Nelson, Ellen's son, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was admitted to Munster Community Hospital. Ellen's daughter **Colleen** is also 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 his successful lung surgery.

Mary Berumen has returned to Oak Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Room #100 to gain strength.

Marla Owens underwent successful intestinal surgery and expects to remain in the hospital for a few days as she recovers.

Adina Holloman, Trina Taylor's daughter, continues her recovery at home while on antibiotics.

Dianne, Megan DeYoung's mother, has returned home. Pray for continued healing and physical therapy progress from her knee replacement surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Loretta Bovenkerk**, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Dr., Olympia Fields, IL 60461

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 4

Offering: \$12,521.00 (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*); Total Giving: \$13,558.69

Reach 175: \$1,205.52; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$60,384.67

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...

First Security: Mike Costello

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

CHURCH LIFE...

“THE ABC’S OF BEING REFORMED”: Join us for our last two studies on **Wednesday, August 14**, here at First Church and **Wednesday, August 21**, at Calvary Community Church from 6:00-7:30pm. Plan on attending these opportunities to learn and grow together!

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.



IN SEASON 3 OF THE CHOSEN, Jesus sends all 12 disciples on their first mission. The disciples face new fears as well as entrenched, old ways, and each one faces his own unique burden. The season culminates with preparations being made for the Sermon on the Mount, with the help of the business apprentice Judas Iscariot. The group returns to Capernaum in the third season, with the increasing popularity of Jesus troubling different societal and political groups, including the Romans and the Pharisees. The disciples' lives are examined as they are sent out by Jesus, and tensions rise as the teachings of Jesus start to spread. This study starts on **Wednesday, August 28**, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

FUTURE WEDNESDAY “THE CHOSEN 3” NIGHTS

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

MOVIE NIGHT: Join us in the backyard of church for an outdoor movie night on **Saturday, August 31**. Come at 7:30pm (when the sun sets), the movie starts around 7:45pm. We'll be watching a classic kids movie: *The Land Before Time*. Movie theater treats will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy the show! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual church picnic is on **Sunday, September 15**, starting at 11:00am in the Activity Center and church yard. Tacos will be served! We are asking last names beginning with A – I to bring a sensational salad to share and J – Z to bring a delicious dessert to divvy! This will be fun for all ages! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

DNA (Diversity In Action) invites you to join us on an enlightening tour of Chinatown, led by the Pui Tak Center. This tour will offer a deeper understanding of Asian culture, highlight the impactful work being done for the Kingdom, and explore the ways they are embracing and living out racial and ethnic reconciliation.

- **Departure:** Saturday, September 21 @10:00am from the church
- **Return:** 1:30pm to the church
- **Lunch:** Provided at the Pui Tak Center
- **Cost:** \$10.00 per person (includes tour and lunch)

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn, connect, and grow together. We hope to see you there! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 24**, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Kickoff Brunch, handing out the new study guide, and watching the first video of our study. This year, our DVD study will be by Kristi McLelland entitled, “Jesus & Women: In the First Century and Now.” We will join Kristi as she transports us back to Jesus’ world following in the footsteps of the women who met Jesus face to face. The cost of the study guide is \$26.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). If you are an Amazon Prime member you may order your own study guide. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Monday, September 9, if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. Hope you can attend!

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.

VISIT THE WELCOME CENTER in the narthex to sign cards for our shut-ins and hospitalized.

SERMON NOTES...

Psalm 32
“How’s Your Heart? Forgiven!”
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

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Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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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.