

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, August 18, 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

*"Come, Though Almighty King"*  
*"Jehovah from His Throne on High / Psalm 33"*  
*"I Love to Tell the Story"*  
*"Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"The Solid Rock"*  
*"God the Uncreated One"*  
*"O Worship the King"*

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"I Will Wait For You"*

Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture

Psalm 33

Song of Response

*"Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord"*

Prayers of the People

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Message

*"How's Your Heart? Cheering!"*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Offertory

Request Jar

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"Our God Will Go Before Us"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory / Psalm 19"*

\*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 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 Nysten, and Faye Gowens  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Amber Fransen, Barb Grevengoed, and Mary Koster  
**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Gwen Adams

Family Life Christian Pre-School and Day Care closed Monday - Friday

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 19**

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

**11:00AM:** Calvin Christian School Convocation in the Sanctuary  
**6:00PM:** Summer Study meets at Calvary Community Church

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**

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

### **UNITY SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

**GREETERS:** Steve VanderWoude and Lucas VanderWoude  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Alison VanderWoude  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Will Flowers, Jessica Housman, Bill Nyhanna, and Lisa Triemstra  
**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Claude & Sharon Brooks, and Gwen Adams  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Alison VanderWoude  
**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Joanne Hoeksema

## ***CARE...***

**Ruth DeBoer** fell and broke 3 bones in her hip and pelvis. Her prognosis is good, and she is undergoing therapy at Hartsfield Village Rehab. Ruth and her family have requested no phone calls or visits this week as she focuses on her recovery.

**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 has returned home receiving hospice care. 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 has been able to return home. She is thankful for your prayers and visits!

**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:** Ralph & Margene Paarlberg, 100 Jones Drive, Room #248, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

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

### **Sunday, August 11**

Offering: \$3,228.00 *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Total Giving: \$5,649.17

Reach 175: \$284.16; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$60,668.83

## ***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 study on **Wednesday, August 21**, at Calvary Community Church from 6:00-7:30pm. Plan on attending this opportunity to learn and grow together!

**UNITY SERVICE:** Next **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 and enjoy the show! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

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

**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!

**THE BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS** of First Reformed Church have placed a special fundraising letter in your church mailbox. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God’s Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter and as you read it, please sincerely pray for God’s Word to change lives. We appreciate any contribution you can make to purchase Bibles. Kindly respond on or before September 30. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill.

***SERMON NOTES...***

Psalm 33  
"How's Your Heart? Cheering!"  
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.