

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Communion Sunday, September 1, 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! Ye Heavens Adore Him"*  
*"Morning Meditation"*  
*"Like a River Glorious"*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*  
*"Praise The Lord (Psalm 150)"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"Out of the Depths"*

Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture

**Psalm 34**

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

Message

*"How's Your Heart?: Tasting and Seeing"*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Offertory

Request Jar

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"Our God Will Go Before Us"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Great is the Lord"*

\*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...***

### **COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**GREETERS:** Jim DeGroot and Rodger Norris

**WELCOME CENTER:** Cindy Nysten

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Brycen Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, and Dacia Hill

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

**SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries

**PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Gerri VanBaren

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim DeGroot

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – LABOR DAY**

**Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care Closed**

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

**7:30AM:** ACT meets in the Heritage Room

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**GREETERS:** Don DeGraff and Nyla DeGraff

**WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Anthony Bolkema, Peter Keep, Julia Keep, and Bill Nyhanna

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Rhonda DeBok, Lisa Triemstra, and Deb Woltzen

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Don DeGraff

## ***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.

Ellen Nelson's daughter **Colleen** is 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. Craig and Jan's new address is 9724 W. 130<sup>th</sup> Pl., Unit B, Cedar Lake, IN 46303.

**Chuck Dinkel** is recovering at home from his successful lung surgery.

**Mary Berumen** has been able to return home and will receive home health care.

**Marla Owens** underwent successful intestinal surgery and has been able to return home. She is thankful for your prayers and visits!

Dave and Becky Wright's daughter, **Donna Walsh**, is going through testing due to iron deficiency.

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

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Dr. and Mrs. Don Eytcheson, 17324 Greenwood Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

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

### **Sunday, August 25**

Offering: \$3,458.00

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

Total Giving: \$4,975.69

Reach 175: \$137.46

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$61,293.96

## ***ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER...***

**First Security:** Colin Cutler

**First Emergency:** Alison VanderWoude

**CHURCH LIFE...**

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Nancy Asmus on the passing of her brother, Doug Dykema.

**I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND** my appreciation for the cards that get signed at our Welcome Center. Seeing the signatures of my church family lifts my spirit in so many ways.  
– Anne Koval

**THANK YOU** to Pastors Jim, Rich, and Anthony and to my Elder Joanne, for the many visits while I was hospitalized and in rehab. I very much appreciated all of the cards, words of encouragement, phone calls, and treats that I received. Most of all, thank you church family for all of the prayers that were offered on my behalf. I am thankful for belonging to a very loving and praying church.  
- Mary Berumen

**TODAY WE UNVEIL** the seventh and last installment of the First Reformed Church Project 175 Banner series. This banner hangs on the east end of the Fellowship Hall and covers the years 1998-2023. Be sure to check out this new installation today during fellowship time following morning worship.

**HERE'S SOME GREAT NEWS!** Our new pictorial church directory is now complete and is available in your mail slot today. Our new directories can be inserted into your existing notebooks. If you currently do not have a notebook, please contact the church office.

**CONTENT WARNING:** Beginning on October 13, there will be a 7-week sermon series about death and the hope that Christians have, along with answering common questions that Christians might have about dying, heaven, funerals, cemeteries, and what happens to our bodies. This will be augmented with some Sunday School discussions led by Pastor Jim and Tim Smits from Smits Funeral Homes. We realize that some of this content might be sensitive for those who are grieving, but our prayer is that this biblical exploration will provide a resource for comfort and hope to all. If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Jim or Anthony. In addition, feel free to submit some questions you might have that can be considered for sermons and/or Sunday School (there's a box in the Fellowship Hall marked "questions about death").



**THE CHOSEN:** As Jesus' fame begins to spread, his followers will no longer be able to operate as a single unit. To meet the growing demand for Jesus' message and miracles, the disciples will need to split up into pairs and go out on mission. Now that they have received Jesus' core teachings, these Apostles ("sent ones") are granted the authority to represent Jesus and share his message and his healing power with people who haven't been able to meet him. And yet the impact of Jesus' growing fame and influence isn't completely positive. As pilgrims flock to Capernaum in search of healing, we see that the likelihood of friction between Jesus and Rome is increasing. Moreover, Jesus warns the Apostles that as they represent him across the land of Judea, they too will face opposition and rejection. This study continues **Wednesday, September 11**, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

**FUTURE WEDNESDAY “THE CHOSEN 3” NIGHTS**

September 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

**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.



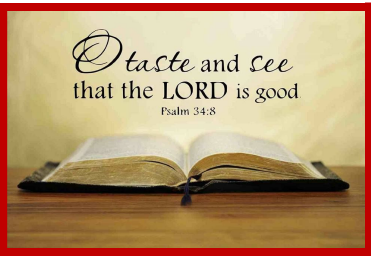
**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 24**, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Kickoff Brunch, handing out the new study guide, and watching the first video of our study. This year, our DVD study will be by Kristi McLelland entitled, "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!

**PRAYER ROOM:** Every Sunday, an elder is assigned to pray in our Prayer Room for 20 minutes following the service. The Prayer Room is located through the doors and down the hallway from the Chapel (exit the Sanctuary from the door by the piano). The praying elder will be praying for those who attended the service, the needs of our congregation, and various parts of our church's life together. If you have a particular prayer request, stop by and the praying elder will pray with you (or you can join her or him in prayer for our church).

**AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

**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 **Monday, September 30**. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill.

**ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL** is **Saturday, September 28** at Elim Christian School in Crestwood, IL. A day of fun, friends, and fantastic Dutch food and treats. Please join us. We need your help to make this day a success in supporting the ministry of children and adults with disabilities. We will need bake goods, craft items, and volunteers to work that day of the festival. If you are willing to help, please contact Lynn Hoeksema, Tricia Paarlberg, or Judy Gill.



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**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**

**STAFF...**

<b>Rev. Dr. James Oord</b> <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<b>Gerri VanBaren</b> <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
<b>Pastor Corey Buchanan</b> <i>Associate Pastor</i>	<b>Steve Alexander</b> <i>Church Custodian</i>
<b>Anthony Bolkema</b> <i>Pastor of Worship &amp; Ministry</i>	<b>Jane Ackerman</b> <i>Church Accountant</i>
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"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting [get.theapp.co/1779](http://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.