

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 8, 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

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"
"Psalm 35"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
"You Are My Strength"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"This Is Our God"

Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 35

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

Message

"How's Your Heart?: Being Cross-Examined"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory

Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Our God Will Go Before Us"

*Organ Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*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, 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 Griff & Mary Decker
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Lisa Triemstra, and Deb Woltzen
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship
7:00PM: Consistory meets in Genesis Room (followed by Elder and Deacon mtgs)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:00PM: First Fellowship Meal and Chosen Episode in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00-11:00AM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Barry Voss; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Peter Keep & Julia Keep, and Bill Nyhanna
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude
VIDEO: Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Gail Housman and Ellen Nelson
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Rick Veldboom

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 is now able to welcome calls and visits.

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. 130th Pl., Unit B, Cedar Lake, IN 46303.

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 thank you for the prayers for their daughter, **Donna Walsh**; her test results were all good.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Health Care, Room #108, 16300 Wausau Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 1

Offering: \$11,978.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Total Giving: \$12,899.01

Reach 175: \$920.25

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$62,214.21

ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER...

First Security: Colin Cutler

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

JOANNE HOEKSEMA would like to thank the congregation and Pastors Jim and Rich and Anthony for their prayers, visits, cards, and meals that were received during her recent hospital stay, surgery and recovery. Also, a special thanks to Steve DeVries and Bonnie Feenstra for arranging their schedules to cover the organ! *Psalm 91*.



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 this **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 next **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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On **Sunday, September 22**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:10am. Class information to follow.

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 at 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).

OUR NEW 2024 PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY is now complete and is available in your mail slot. Our new directories can be inserted into your existing notebooks. If you currently do not have a notebook, please contact the church office. Also, if you have any corrections and/or additions, please contact the church office. These corrections will be posted in the bulletin in the weeks ahead.

REMINDERS...

BE SURE TO VISIT the welcome centers to sign up for church events.

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. Thank you!

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

COME JOIN US FOR THE SOUTH HOLLAND FUN RUN 5K on Saturday, September 21 at 7:00am beginning in Veterans Memorial Park! This year's race will include new and fun surprises along the course and in the park before/after the race. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes or accessories. There will be a costume contest with prizes! A portion of all registration fees will benefit the Family Centered Educational Agency, a South Holland organization that provides education-based services such as college preparation, tutoring, and financial literacy.

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 baked 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.

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.



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS
9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

Rev. Dr. James Oord <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Gerri VanBaren <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Pastor Corey Buchanan <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Steve Alexander <i>Church Custodian</i>
Anthony Bolkema <i>Pastor of Worship & Ministry</i>	Jane Ackerman <i>Church Accountant</i>
Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengood <i>Pastor of Care & Visitation</i>	Darcy Daly <i>Nursery Coordinator</i>
Nyla DeGraff <i>Church Administrator</i>	Toni Smith <i>Director of Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care</i>

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"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting 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.