

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 29, 2024



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Being part of a church means growing together. For 175 years, First Reformed Church has been a place where people gather to follow Jesus, give our praise and thanks to the Father, and keep in step with the Spirit as we receive encouragement, face challenges, and bear one another's burdens.

1857 is the first record of Sunday School classes being held in our church. Classes for our children have been part of our church life ever since! Currently we hold Sunday School classes from 11:10am-noon on Sundays throughout the school year, through high school. There are also adult classes and Bible Study opportunities.

Come join us as we grow, learn, worship, and serve together!

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WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"
"Be Still My Soul"
"Trust Medley"

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"
"My God is All I Need"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Love of God"

Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37

Prayers of the People

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Message

"How's Your Heart? Fretful...But Learning to Be Still"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offertory

Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God Be with You"

*Organ Postlude

"Only Trust Him"

*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 29

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Steve VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Jeremiah Green

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Kathy Rhodes, and Cindy Paarlberg

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30AM: ACT meets the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen

WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord

WORSHIP TEAM: Joe Fransen, Gail Housman, Nick Paarlberg and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Griff & Mary Decker

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

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

CARE...

Dr. Don Eytcheson has been transferred to Swedish Covenant Hospice on the North Side after suffering a stroke. Please pray for comfort and peace.

Phil Capone suffered an injury at work and will be going through therapy as he recovers.

Jim Rietveld has been admitted to Crown Point Franciscan, Room 542, as doctors are trying get his kidney and liver numbers back to normal.

Gert Stallinga fell and had surgery to repair damage to her hip and femur. She has now been moved to Ingalls Rehab.

Ruth DeBoer fell and broke 3 bones in her hip and pelvis. She has been able to return to her room, #135 at Hartsfield Village.

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.

Mary Berumen has been able to return home and is receiving home health care.

Adina Holloman, Trina Taylor's daughter, completed her antibiotics last week. She was very happy to have that IV line removed. She is back to working full time, but they are still monitoring her, and she is still on medication to reduce brain swelling and minor headaches. Thanks for your prayers and support!

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Wayne Deinema, Park Place of St. John, #3307, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 22

Offering: \$4,981.11

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Total Giving: **\$5,246.16** – Church Picnic: \$265.05

Reach 175: \$371.07; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$75,862.36

ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER...

First Security: Colin Cutler

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Rick and Lisa Triemstra and Steve and Jenne DeYoung, as their sister-in-law, Julie Terpstra DeYoung, passed away on Thursday, September 5.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to Michael Ware and his family on the passing of his wife Taketia, on Wednesday, September 18. The Ware family were former members of First Church. Memorial Service is Tuesday, October 1, at 11:00am here at First Church followed by a luncheon downstairs.

THANK YOU for joining with friends of the Bible Leae to provide God’s Word! We appreciate the generous contributions made. Our church was able to provide \$800.00! Continue to pray for the provision of God’s Word to a lost and needy world.

Thanks again. Judy Gill and Becky Wright, Volunteers



GAME NIGHT: Saturday, October 12, from 6:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, we'll be playing UNO, Ticket to Ride, various party games (Catchphrase, etc.), and King's Court (instructions provided by Jack Olthoff). There will also be a table of games for young children. Pizza will be served. Sign up at the Welcome Centers!

BLUEBERRY FIELD: Did you know that longtime local favorite restaurant Blueberry Field Pancake House (558 E 162nd Street) has started a new partnership with South Holland churches? Whenever church members enjoy a meal at Blueberry Field, simply write your name and "First Reformed Church" on your receipt - Blueberry Field will then record the receipt and donate 10% of your bill back to the church. Take this as a sign to go get some pancakes (or Pastor Jim's favorite: their homemade Greek yogurt and granola)!

PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2024 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE: Beginning today, Sunday, September 29, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. Please call the church office with any questions. Your donations can be dropped off in the narthex at our Welcome Center, or at the blue table in the Fellowship Hall.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES today for all ages from 11:10am - noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word. Class information on narthex shelves and at the Welcome Centers!



THE CHOSEN: Episode 4 of Season 3: The opening montage gave us several vivid depictions of spiritual empowerment/spiritual gifts. The evident surprise displayed by the Apostles as they exercised spiritual power made it clear that the power they were exercising didn't belong to them personally. Later, when Big James complains about how Jesus gave

them power and not understanding, Judas clarifies that Jesus actually didn't give them (independent) power; he was somehow working with them in the moments when they performed miracles, even though he wasn't present physically. The Chosen hasn't given very much discussion of the Holy Spirit so far, but I imagine conversations like this are meant to set the stage to discuss what it means to have "the Spirit of Jesus" dwell with us. This study continues Wednesday, October 9, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

FUTURE WEDNESDAY “THE CHOSEN 3” NIGHTS

October 23, November 6 & 20, and December 11

December 4: First Christmas Party (no study)

December 18: Chapel Vespers Service

6:00 – 7:30pm

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY will meet on Tuesday, October 8, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the homework from our first session, “Meeting the Middle Eastern Jesus” study guide pages 17-27. Hope to see you there!

BE SURE TO VISIT the welcome centers to sign up for church events, sign cards for our shut-ins, and sign the card for our missionary of the month.

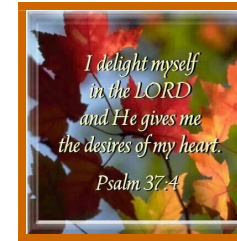
SERMON NOTES...

Psalm 37

“How’s Your Heart? Fretful...But Learning to be Still”

Pastor Jim Oord

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).



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SECRETARIES’ OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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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.