

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
World Communion Sunday, October 6, 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

*"Be Present At Our Table Lord"*  
*"He The Banquet Spreads Before Us"*  
*"Like A River Glorious"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"Let All Things Now Living"*  
*"The Solid Rock"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"The Love of God"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Message

*"Riparian Zones of the Heart"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

Request Jar

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"God Be With You"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"O Jesus I Have Promised"*

\*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, OCTOBER 6

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylén  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Joe Fransen, Gail Housman, Nick Paarlberg, and Robert Wooley  
**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

**7:00PM:** Music Team rehearsal

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

**7:30AM:** Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

**6:00PM:** Meal & The Chosen in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

**9:00-11:00AM:** Clothing Closet in the Activity Center  
**2:00-5:00PM:** Angels of Hope in the Fellowship Hall  
**6:00PM:** Game Night in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

**GREETERS:** Dennis Woltzen and Barry Voss; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg  
**PROJECTION:** Joey Nyhanna  
**VIDEO:** Mike Decker  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Megan DeYoung, Raylene Oord, and Katie Sikkema  
**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Clint Verhagen

*CARE...*

**Phil Capone** suffered an injury at work and is recuperating at home.

**Jim Rietveld** has been moved to Oak Grove Rehab in DeMotte, IN, Room #98.

**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:** Anne Koval, 713 E. 156<sup>TH</sup> Place, South Holland, IL 60473

*OUR GIFTS...*

Sunday, September 29

Offering: \$6,260.75

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

Total Giving: **\$6,260.75**

Reach 175: \$481.13; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$76,343.49

*ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER...*

**First Security:** Barry Voss

**First Emergency:** Trina Taylor

*CHURCH LIFE...*

**WE EXPRESS OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to Myrna and the Eytcheson family. Dr. Don Eytcheson passed away the morning of Wednesday, October 2. Please pray for comfort during this time of grief.

**THANK YOU** for your prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy on the passing of Curt Nelson. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness!  
- The Ellen Nelson Family

**OUR SINCERE THANK YOU** to those who helped make the Elim Dutch Festival a success this year. To those who volunteered that day, made craft items, delicious baked goods, or monetary gifts, all were greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for this ministry of supporting children and adults with disabilities. Again, our heartfelt thanks to all of you. - Lynn Hoeksema, Tricia Paarlberg, and Judy Gill



**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!

**TRUNK N' TREAT** is **Thursday, October 31**, from 5:00 - 7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. Let's make 2024 our biggest turnout for First Church! There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can leave your candy at the Welcome Center in the narthex. We also need you to volunteer your decorated car trunk. Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:** When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. A series of "Getting to Know You" slides allows our church family to meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. Maybe you'll be interviewed next!



**PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2024 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE:** We are collecting boxes of stuffing and 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. We have collected 38 boxes so far!

**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 Nyla's favorite: the Hawaii Five-O omelet with wheat pancakes)!

**CLOTHING CLOSET:** Our Free Clothing Closet will be open on the 2nd Saturday (9:00-11:00am) and 4th Thursday (4:00-6:00pm) of each month. Please get the word out to anyone you think could be blessed by this resource! Flyers are available from the church office upon request if you want to distribute them at your school, favorite coffeeshop, jobsite, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Pastor Jim.

*LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...*

**"LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH"** - There are three resources to draw to your attention regarding death, the afterlife, and our hope as Christians: 1) Our "Let's Talk about Death" sermon series will run from October 13-November 24. 2) There will be a supplementary Adult Sunday School class (also attended by the high school class) in the Sanctuary from October 13-27 (this will include two sessions led by Tim Smits from Smits Funeral Homes). 3) Our annual "Tolling of the Bells" service will be held on November 3. In subsequent years, the elders have decided this service will continue to be held on the first Sunday in November (the Sunday closest to All Saints Day). A one-page information sheet regarding All Saints Day is available at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.



**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. **PreK-5th Grade** gather to sing, work on memory verses, and collect an offering in the Genesis Room from 11:10-11:30am, then move to their classrooms from 11:30am-noon.

- PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade meet in the Genesis Room
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Library
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Heritage Room
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Balcony
- Tibstra House meets in the Chapel (starting Sunday, October 13)
- Adult Classes (also attended by high schoolers) meets in the Sanctuary starting October 20

**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!

**OASIS** (Junior & Senior High Students) meets again tonight **Sunday, October 6**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft and Activity Center. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please email Anthony at [anthony@frcsh.org](mailto:anthony@frcsh.org).



**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.

*SERMON NOTES...*

**“Riparian Zones of the Heart”**

**Psalm 1**

**Pastor Jim Oord, Pastor Corey Buchanan, and Chad & Dara VandenBosch**

**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).

### 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

### REMINDERS....

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

**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.

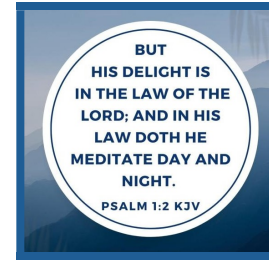
**BE SURE TO EMPTY** your mail slot located downstairs at the base of the stairs.

**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!

### AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

**SOUTH HOLLAND MASTER CHORALE** has their 2024-2025 opening concerts on Sunday, October 6 at 3:00pm at St. Julie Billiard Church, 7399 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park and Sunday, October 13 at 4:00pm at Christ Our Savior Parish, 880 E. 154th Street, South Holland. The pair of concerts will follow the theme "Let me listen, let me dream, let me love, let me sing." Pieces from a variety of composers around the world will explore themes of listening to one another and dreaming of a better world. Admission is free and donations will be accepted. A reception will follow the October 13 concert.

**PARADE OF LIGHTS** is **Tuesday, October 8** at 6:30pm at Thorn Creek Reformed Church (1875 E 170th Street, SH) starting with a short service. From there, fire and rescue vehicles will conduct a "lights only" parade to honor those who have experienced a fire, loss of life, or fire-related injuries. Residents are invited to stand along the route with candles or lights for this solemn remembrance.



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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*

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**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

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*Director of Family Life  
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**Find us in the app store by searching for "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.**