

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 20, 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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
"My Only Comfort"
"I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"
"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

Call to Worship & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
"Christ Our Hope in Life & Death"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Grace Flows Down"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15

Message

"Let's Talk About Death: What Happens at a Graveside Service?"

Song of Response

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God Be with You"

*Organ Postlude

"Redeemed"

*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 20

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Barry Voss

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Dacia Hill, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Mary Paulton, and Alison VanderWoude

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:00PM: Worship Committee meets in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Music Team

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

6:00PM: Meal and "The Chosen" in the Activity Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00AM: Underground Railroad Meeting in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Larry DeYoung

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude

VIDEO: Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris, Cindy Nylen, and Faye Gowens

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Grace Jacobsma

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

CARE...

Avery DeYoung, Tim & Megan's daughter has been able to return to school but has a small section in the lung where the pneumonia is lingering. New meds have been given. Megan's mom, **Dianne** is in a lot of pain. She has physical therapy daily and saw her surgeon this past week to discuss next steps.

Judith Besser fell and is going through physical therapy at Aliya of Homewood.

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

Jim Rietveld continues at Oak Grove Rehab in DeMotte, IN.

Gert Stallinga fell and had surgery to repair damage to her hip and femur. She has now been moved to Ignite Medical Resort in Crown Point.

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.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, 12565 Renaissance Circle, Room 308, Homer Glen, IL 60491

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 13

Offering: **\$7,382.00**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Total Giving: \$7,382.00

Reach 175: \$10,577.31; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$87,449.78

ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

CHURCH LIFE...

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 117 boxes so far!

MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT: This month we are highlighting our mission partner, Restoration Ministries. In your bulletin and at the Welcome Centers, you'll find a bookmark with prayer needs from Restoration Ministries. Please keep them lifted in prayer throughout the month and stop by the Welcome Center in the narthex to sign a card for them.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS: Our annual Tolling of the Bells service will be held on **Sunday, November 3**. During the sermon, a bell will be tolled in memory of each member of our church who passed into glory in the past year. As we remember our sisters and brothers who are no longer physically present with us, we celebrate our Christian hope that connects us in life and in death with all the saints on earth and in heaven.

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 Anthony's favorite: the Reuben Sandwich)!

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 coffee shop, jobsite, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Pastor Jim.

DID YOU KNOW? Our church has a Facebook page! Like and follow the page to get information about upcoming events, historical tidbits, and snapshots of what's going on at First. If you take the time to like or share our posts, it helps get the word out about events and services to bless our community.

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 continue today – November 24. 2) There will be a supplementary Adult Sunday School class (also attended by the high school class) in the Sanctuary from October 20 – Nov. 3 (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.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets **today**, from 3:00–4:30pm for their Fall Fest. 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.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet this **Tuesday, October 22**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing the Session 2 video, "Jesus and Women in the First Century World." Hope to see you there!

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–2nd Grade meet in the Genesis Room
- 3rd–5th Grade meet in the Library
- 6th–8th Grade meet in the Heritage Room
- 9th–12th Grade meet in the Balcony
- Tibstra House meets in the Chapel
- Adult Classes (also attended by high schoolers) meet in the Sanctuary



THE CHOSEN: "Clean, Part 2" is the fifth episode of season 3 of The Chosen. Eden struggles to talk to Simon while he struggles to understand. With tensions mounting at home, he pours himself into fixing the city water problem with his new "friend," Gaius. Meanwhile, Jairus and Veronica are equally desperate to find Jesus as the only hope for their crises. This study continues this **Wednesday, October 23**, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

FUTURE WEDNESDAY “THE CHOSEN 3” NIGHTS

November 6 & 20, and December 11
December 4: First Christmas Party (no study)
December 18: Chapel Vespers Service
6:00 – 7:30pm

REMINDERS....

BE SURE TO VISIT the welcome centers to sign up for church events, sign cards for our shut-ins, sign the card for our missionary of the month, and remember to empty your mail slot!

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!



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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 Grevengoed <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</i> <i>Christian Pre-School & Day Care</i>

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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.



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.