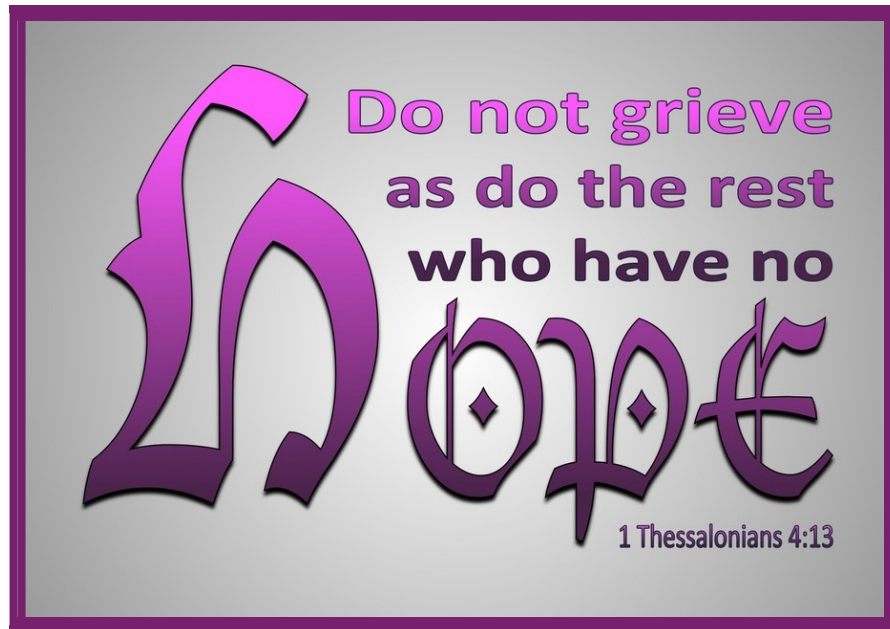


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, October 27, 2024



*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

*"When I Can Read My Title Clear"*  
*"O They Tell Me of a Home"*  
*"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"*

Call to Worship & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Congregational Worship

*"Our Great Savior"*  
*"Jesus Strong and Kind"*  
*"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"O Praise the Name"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Message

"Let's Talk About Death: What Good is a Funeral?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

Request Jar

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"God Be With You"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Come, Sweet Death"*

\*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...*

### REFORMATION 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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

**9:30AM:** Piece makers meet in the Fellowship Hall  
**6:00PM:** Bell Rehearsal  
**7:00PM:** Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

**5:00-7:00PM:** Trunk N Treat in the front of church



**Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 2!**

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Raylene Oord  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg  
**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers  
**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski  
**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink  
**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord  
**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom  
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams  
**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen  
**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim DeGroot

## *CARE...*

**Avery, Alise, and Audrey DeYoung** are nearly 100% again, just dealing with fatigue from pneumonia. We are very appreciative of the prayers for healing, cards, and “get well” wishes the girls, and we received over the past few weeks.

- Tim & Megan DeYoung

**Megan DeYoung's** mom, **Dianne** is in a lot of pain and continues with her physical therapy daily.

**Faye Gowens** was taken to Ingalls Hospital due to elevated blood pressure. She is undergoing tests and is hoping to return home soon.

**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.

**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.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** **Shirley VanDeursen**, Park Place of St. John, #106, 10820 Park Place, St. John, IN 46372

## *OUR GIFTS...*

### Sunday, October 20

Offering: \$16,119.43

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

Total Giving: \$16,119.43

Reach 175: \$2,973.89; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$90,423.67

## *ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER...*

**First Security:** Barry Voss

**First Emergency:** Trina Taylor

## CHURCH LIFE...

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** extended to the family and friends of Carol Barnes who passed away on Wednesday, October 23. Funeral arrangements are pending.

**TRUNK N' TREAT** is this **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.

**TOLLING OF THE BELLS:** Our annual Tolling of the Bells service will be held next **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.

**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 242 boxes so far!

**MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT:** This month we are highlighting our mission partner, Restoration Ministries. 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.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO NOTE:

- ✚ **Wednesday, December 4**, come join us at 6:00pm for our (fourth) First Christmas Party. Enjoy a delicious meal, festive games, sparkling conversation, and holiday cheer with your church family! Sign up at the Welcome Center(s).
- ✚ **Wednesday, December 11**, our last Chosen Bible study will be from 6:00-7:30pm. Includes a meal and followed by an episode screening with discussion.
- ✚ **Sunday, December 15**, at 6:00pm, join us for our annual Service of Lessons and Carols: a night filled with the Scriptures, sights, stories, and sounds of Christmas. Amidst the busyness of the Christmas season, join us to anchor your soul in God's salvation story.
- ✚ **Tuesday, December 24**, join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 11:00pm. This service is always a highlight of the year, as we stay up and greet Christmas Day with carols, candlelight, worship, and sparklers!

## REMINDERS....

**OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students)** meets **Sunday, November 3**, from 6:00–8:30pm in the Loft. 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@frch.org](mailto:anthony@frch.org).

**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!

**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)!

**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 Sunday, Nov. 3 – Nov. 24. 2) There will be a supplementary Adult Sunday School class (also attended by the high school class) in the Sanctuary from Oct. 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 Nov. 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.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY. It will continue next Sunday, November 3, and don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 2!



IN THE CHOSEN, Season 3, Episode 6, the disciples are seeking to ascertain Jesus' whereabouts while gearing up to defend their Messiah in his absence. The episode adapts Matthew 11 / Luke 7:18-35, a story in which messengers come from the imprisoned John the Baptist to Jesus, pressing him to declare whether he is indeed the one foreshadowed and

foretold in the Old Testament. The episode explores the complexities of discipleship and how each audience interprets Christ's words differently. This study continues this Wednesday, November 6, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

FUTURE WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS

6:00 – 7:30PM

“The Chosen 3” - November 20 and December 11

December 4: 4<sup>th</sup> First Christmas Party

Delicious meal, festive games, and sparkling conversations!

December 18: Chapel Vespers Service

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet again on Tuesday, November 19, (please note change of date) at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will review the homework from Session 2, study guide pgs. 37-45 and watch the Session 3 video, “Jesus and the Woman at the Well.” Hope you can attend!



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed  
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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.