

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
TOLLING OF THE BELLS SERVICE
Communion Sunday, November 3, 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!

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Communion Sunday, November 3, 2024

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"For All the Saints"
"Come, Come Ye Saints"
"It Is Well"

Opening Song of Worship

"Come To Me"

Call to Worship & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Blessed Assurance"
"'Tis So Sweet"

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Like a River Glorious"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Revelation 14:13

Message

"What More Should God Do to Persuade You to Die Willingly?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor James Oord

Offertory

Moment for Missions: Piecemakers

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"God Be With You"

*Organ Postlude

"By The Sea of Crystal"

*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...

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 Lisa Triemstra
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Rick Veldboom

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room
6:00PM: Meal and The Chosen in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

GREETERS: Dennis Woltzen and Barry Voss
WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude
VIDEO: Mike Decker
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Koster, and Deb Woltzen
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Gwen Adams

CARE...

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

Faye Gowens has been able to return home from the hospital.

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: Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John, #1212, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

Continue to pray for those battling cancer, going through treatments, facing side effects, or caring for a loved one with cancer.

And for those giving care to parents, spouses, siblings, children, and/or friends who are struggling.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 27

Offering: **\$4,059.91**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Total Giving: \$4,059.91

Reach 175: \$18,563.85

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$108,987.52

ON DUTY FOR NOVEMBER...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

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

TODAY, WE CELEBRATE OUR "PIECEMAKERS," a quilting group that meets in our church. Since they began in 2000, they have completed and donated over 2,000 quilts! For 24 years, these quilts have blessed newborn babies, adults with special needs, struggling families, and many more! We thank our quilters and their dedication to sharing the warming love of Christ! You can see some of their wares on display in the choir loft. If you are interested in joining the "Piecemakers," please speak to Becky Wright.

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 637 boxes so far!

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree will be in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, Nov. 10**, with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Let's get ready to help support these families! Return date for the angel tree gifts is Sunday, Dec. 1.

SERVE SATURDAY: On **Saturday, November 23**, we will be holding a Serve Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be six opportunities to serve: 1) Trustee Clean-up (the trustees made a list of do-able projects and touch-ups around our church), 2) Food Pantry Moving Day (we're moving our Food Pantry from upstairs in the loft to downstairs in the Activity Center), 3) Clothing Closet Sorting Day (sort and size clothes to make our Clothing Closet more easily "shoppable"), 4) Card-Writing (write and sign cards for our shut-ins and CPO families), 5) Turkey Handout (help the Exodus Project hand out Thanksgiving meals), or 6) Turkey Packing (our OASIS group will be helping Open Access assemble their Thanksgiving bags). Sign up at the Welcome Centers!

EXODUS PROJECTS ANNUAL GALA: The Exodus Projects will hold their annual ministry gala at 6:30pm on **Thursday, November 21**, at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. All are invited to join as we fellowship together and hear about the work being done in the Chicago Heights community. To RSVP, please visit www.theexodusprojects.org/gala or speak to Pastor Corey Buchanan. We hope to see you there!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

"LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH" - There are two 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, November 3 – 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 – November 3.

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



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.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets **today**, from 6:30–8:00pm 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@frcsh.org.

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!

FUTURE WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS
6:00 – 7:30PM

November 20 and December 11: "The Chosen 3"
December 4: 4th First Christmas Party
December 18: Chapel Vespers Service

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....

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!



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS
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STAFF...

Rev. Dr. James Oord <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Gerri VanBaren <i>Administrative Assistant</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.