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**SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**

### STAFF...

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Find us in the app store by searching for  
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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.

## FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Sunday, November 10, 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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Sunday, November 10, 2024

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	<i>“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”</i> <i>“O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely”</i> <i>“Since By Man Came Death”</i>
Call to Worship & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Worship	<i>“Hosana (Praise is Rising)”</i> <i>“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Jim Oord
Song of Assurance	<i>“All The Way My Savior Leads Me”</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading	11 Corinthians 5:1-10
Message	“Let’s Talk About Death: Where Are My Loved Ones?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Offertory	Request Jar
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>“God Be With You”</i>
*Organ Postlude	<i>“Give Thanks”</i>
*Those who are able please stand.	

Please, join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

CARE...

Lindsey Robertson, husband of Larry DeYoung’s sister Donna, is receiving hospice care at their home in New Lennox.

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.

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

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 EXTENDED FAMILY: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

Anna Collins will be turning 90 years young in the month of November. Let’s remember this special birthday by sending cards to :1161 East 155<sup>th</sup> Street, South Holland, IL 60473.

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 3 givings will be posted in next week’s bulletin!

ON DUTY FOR NOVEMBER...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### 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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Veteran's Day

Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care closed

6:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**GREETERS:** Steve and Alison VanderWoude

**WELCOME CENTER:** Barb Grevengoed

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Bill Nyhanna

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gail Housman, Ellen Nelson, and Merley Verhagen

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim DeGroot

## *CHURCH LIFE...*

**2024 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE:** We are collecting boxes of stuffing and our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes by Sunday, November 17! 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 is in the Fellowship Hall 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). Sign up at the Welcome Centers! Our number 6 will be Turkey Packing by our OASIS group helping Open Access assemble their Thanksgiving bags.

**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](http://www.theexodusprojects.org/gala) or speak to Pastor Corey Buchanan. We hope to see you there!

**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).



## 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.

**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
- High schoolers meet in the Balcony



**The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 7**, centers around the chaos that the Apostles cause by sharing Jesus' teachings in the deeply divided, multiethnic region known as the Decapolis. It also gives us new insight into Gaius' troubled family situation and reveals a formative moment from Matthew's past. This study continues on **Wednesday, November 20**, and will include a

light meal at 6:00pm. The series will conclude on Wednesday, December 11. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

**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!

## 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!

## 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.

🎄 **Sunday, December 18**, at 6:00pm, our Chapel Vespers Service. Come join us for a peaceful and meditative time of worship and prayer, an oasis to center you on Christ during the busy season.

🎄 **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!

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FALL AUCTION:** Discover items in all price ranges – merchandise, food, experiences, and student projects! Shipping options available. Fall Auction begins on **Thursday, Nov. 14 @ 9:00am and ends on Saturday, Nov. 16 @ 9:00pm**. Find the Online Auction at: [www.32auctions.com/calvinchristianschool](http://www.32auctions.com/calvinchristianschool). Make a difference, donate today!

**WINTER WONDERLAND** is scheduled for **Friday, December 6** from 6:00-8:00pm. Holiday festivities and activities at Veterans Memorial Park in South Holland. For more details go to [southholland.org](http://southholland.org). Fun for the whole family!

**ROUTE 6 RESURFACING:** Route 6 (159th Street) is currently undergoing resurfacing, resulting in some lane closures and associated traffic slowdowns. The project is expected to be completed by early December. We appreciate your patience as these long-awaited improvements are made, and we're excited for smoother travels on Route 6 in the near future!