

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, January 5, 2025



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

The Twelve Days of Christmas run from December 25-January 5 and are a festive time of celebrating the coming of Jesus to be our Rescuer. This is a time of light, wonder, and joy, even when the weather outside is frightful. Jesus has come, fully God and fully human, the Word made flesh, to bring us peace with God.

Since 1848, First Reformed Church has been proclaiming this good news. We're glad you're here to celebrate with us!

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, January 5, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	<i>"Lord, Through All the Generations"</i> <i>"Be Still and Know"</i> <i>"He Will Hold Me Fast"</i>
Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Worship	<i>"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"</i> <i>"My Hope Is in the Lord"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"There Is a Redeemer"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Colossians 3:12-15
Message	"On the 12 th Day of Christmas, the Spirit Gave to Me: Patience"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord' Supper	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Jim Oord
Offertory	<i>"All Glory Be to Christ"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>
*Organ Postlude	<i>"Another Year Is Dawning"</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.

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen

WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Kevin Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Gail Housman

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Rick Veldboom

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

GREETERS: Steve and Alison VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Barb Grevengood

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

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gail Houseman, Cindy Paarlberg, and Deb Woltzen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff

ON DUTY FOR JANUARY...

First Security: Colin Cutler

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

CARE...

Lynn Hoeksema is recovering at home and doing well.

Bob Brink, one of our friends from the Tibstra House, was able to return home from the hospital. Please pray for his continued recovery.

Anita Decker-Steenbergen is in Hartsfield Village Rehab recovering from successful hip surgery.

Dorothy Ravesloot is receiving hospice care at home.

Ken Groeneveld is receiving hospice care at home.

Judith Besser has moved to 303 East Washington Street, Apt. 142 in Bensenville, IL 60106 in a memory care unit.

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

Ellen Nelson's daughter **Colleen** is going through a variety of serious health issues.

Craig Nelson has upcoming cataract surgery and **Jan Nelson** will be having two shoulder surgeries.

Megan DeYoung's mom, **Dianne**, is slowly regaining use of her new knee and pain has subsided.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Anita Decker-Steenbergen** Hartsfield Village, #1308, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, December 22

Offering: \$12,409.00; *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Total Giving: \$12,409.00

Reach 175: \$1,219.59

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$120,317.64

Sunday, December 29

Offering: \$15,259.44; *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Total Giving: \$15,259.44

Reach 175: \$2,342.92

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$122,660.56

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Lindsay Roberston, who passed away on Tuesday, December 24. Lindsay was the husband of Donna Robertson and a brother-in-law and uncle to the Larry DeYoung family.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Tricia Paarlberg, who passed away on Sunday, December 29.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Jim Rietveld, who passed away on Tuesday, December 31.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK the congregation for the many cards, prayers, and well wishes sent to me for my recent hip replacement surgery. I would also like to thank Pastors Jim, Rich, and Anthony for the calls and visits. - Mike Hoeksema

NOMINATING BALLOTS for the **Tuesday, May 13**, Congregational Meeting were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes on the Narthex shelves by the morning of **Sunday, January 26**.

CHURCH CAMPOUT 2025: We are planning our fifth annual Church Campout for August 1-3, 2025. This year we will try to secure reservations somewhere along Lake Michigan (no more than 2.5 hours away). If that doesn't work, we will default to Potato Creek State Park in Indiana. Sign-up forms with more information are available at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall. Please return your completed form to the church office by **Sunday, January 19**. We hope you can join us for some summer fun! Questions? Ask Pastor Jim or Nikki Nyhanna.

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).

ATTENTION COOKIE COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS: The new Cookie Duty Schedule for January - April 2025 is in your mailbox. Thank you for gifting the congregation with your delicious creations each week. This gift of hospitality is a vital ministry to First Church. Thanks again for your willingness to serve.

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

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–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

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, January 14**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch the Session 4 video, "Jesus and the Woman Against the Wall." 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.

SERMON NOTES...

Colossians 3:12-15

“On the 12th Day of Christmas, the Spirit Gave to Me: Patience”

Pastor Jim Oord & Pastor Corey Buchanan



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

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Pastor of Worship & Ministry

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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.