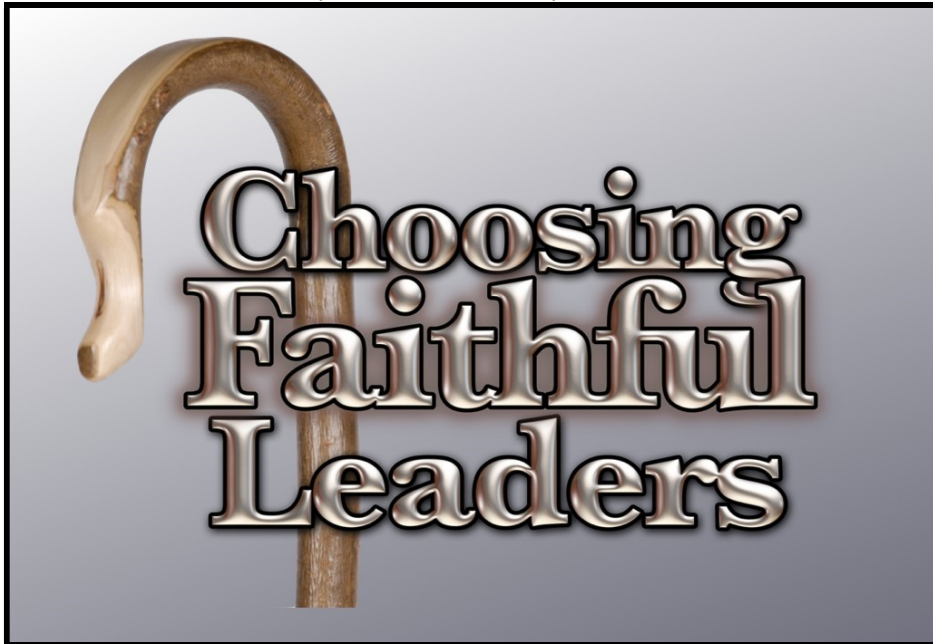


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, January 12, 2025



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

In the church calendar, we are in the season of Epiphany, which begins January 6. Epiphany has to do with light: things that are unclear becoming clear, things that are hidden being revealed, places that were once impassable becoming accessible.

During Epiphany, we celebrate the message of Jesus... the things that were hinted at in the Old Testament are now made perfectly clear...people who were once outsiders being brought in...people who were once trapped in darkness now being rescued by light.

We are here because we're basking in Jesus' light, experiencing his rescue, and being welcomed into his family. And we're happy to welcome you to worship, grow, and rejoice with us today!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, January 12, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Come, We Who Love the Lord"
"God Leads Us Along"
"Find Us Faithful"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"
"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Jesus At the Center"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 8:1-3

Message

"To Proclaim Good News: Faithful Supporters and Leaders"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Take My Life & Let It Be"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Organ Postlude

"Take My Life"

*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, JANUARY 12

GREETERS: Steve and Alison VanderWoude; **WELCOME CENTER:** Barb Grevengoed
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 Housman, Cindy Paarlberg, and Deb Woltzen
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal
7:00PM: 1st Quarterly Consistory meets in the Genesis Room
8:00PM: Elders meeting in the Heritage Room
9:00PM: Special Elders meeting in the Heritage Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
10:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00PM: Family Life Day Care Board meets in the Heritage Room
8:00PM: Strategic Planning Committee meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Don DeGraff; **WELCOME CENTER:** Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Ellen Nelson, and Gerri VanBaren
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Gwen Adams

CARE...

Claude Brooks Sr. has been able to return home from the hospital.
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.
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.
Joyce Hinkley, Gail Housman's grandmother, was recently moved to hospice care with a poor prognosis due to respiratory distress.
Megan DeYoung's mom, **Dianne**, is slowly regaining use of her new knee and pain has subsided.
OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Anne Koval, 713 E. 156th Place, South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

2024 Year-End Total

\$12,171.56

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Offering: \$7,450.25; *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*
Total Giving: \$13,075.25
Gift & Memorial for Tricia Paarlberg: \$5,525.00
Gift & Memorial for Emily Seefeldt: \$100.00
Reach 175: \$296.08
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$122,959.64

ON DUTY FOR JANUARY...

First Security: Colin Cutler
First Emergency: Trina Taylor

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Gertrude Stallinga, on the passing of her son, Thomas J. Stallinga, on January 3.

THANK YOU, CONGREGATION, for the meaningful cards and well-wishes Ken has received. Please continue to keep him and our family in your prayers.

– Ken and Anna Mae Groeneveld

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**. Unlike the Consistory, current Trustees may be re-elected for a two-year term at the discretion of the congregation. Two Trustees must be elected. Eligible for re-election are Mark Spiekhout and Don VanDeursen.

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.

BINGO: THE RETURN Join us **Saturday, January 25**, from 6:00-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a fun night of BINGO! We'll provide hot dogs, drinks, and snacks to share while we play. We ask every household attending to contribute a small prize (perhaps a "white elephant" gift you received over Christmas that you have no idea what to do with... something silly you have lying around the house... if you purchase something, please don't spend more than \$10). There will also be "grand prizes" that can be won. Join us for a fun night of fellowship - sign up at the Welcome Center!

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!

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIBUTE is on **Saturday, January 18**, at 10:00am at the Spirit of God Fellowship Church (16350 State St., South Holland). The South Holland Ministerial Association and the Village of South Holland are partnering to present this year's Martin Luther King Tribute. All are welcome to attend this free event!

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, 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.

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 8:1-3

“To Proclaim Good News: Faithful Supporters and Leaders”

Pastor Jim Oord

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).



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

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Pastor Corey Buchanan

Associate Pastor

Anthony Bolkema

Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengood

Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff

Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren

Administrative Assistant

Steve Alexander

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Jane Ackerman

Church Accountant

Darcy Daly

Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith

*Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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.