

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, January 19, 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!

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Sunday, January 19, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
"Give Me Jesus"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Standing on the Promises of God"
"Christ, Our Hope in Life & Death"
"Father, I Adore You"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Christ Is Enough"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 8:4-15

Message

"To Proclaim Good News: How Faith Grows"

Song of Response

"Yes, Lord, Yes"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"I Surrender All"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Organ Postlude

"Here I Am, Lord"

*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 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:** Jonathan VanderWoude
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Ellen Nelson, and Gerri VanBaren
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Gwen Adams

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Church Office and Family Life Day Care Closed

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00-6:00PM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

6:00-8:00PM: Bingo Night in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Dennis Woltzen; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, and Joanne Hoeksema
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

CARE...

Ralph Paarlberg fell and fractured his hip. He had surgery and is rehabbing at Riverside Miller Rehab in Kankakee.

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 is going through physical therapy for his neck injury.

Craig Nelson is recovering from two successful cataract surgeries.

Jan Nelson is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery on Monday, February 3.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Wayne Deinema**, Park Place of St. John, Room #3307, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Offering: \$13,135.16

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Total Giving: \$13,235.16

Gift & Memorial for Tricia Paarlberg: \$50.00

175: \$278.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$123,234.72

ON DUTY FOR JANUARY...

First Security: Colin Cutler

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

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!

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Gail Housman on the passing of her grandmother, Joyce Hinkley.

THANK YOU: The Capone family would like to thank the congregation for the many delicious meals that have been dropped off by church members as Phil recovers from his neck injury. The care and love demonstrated was greatly appreciated.

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.

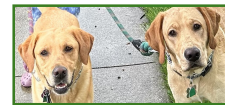
YOUR 2024 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Fellowship Hall for the next two Sundays. If you should have any questions, please contact Eric Pradelski at 708-228-8956.

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).

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 today, **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!

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!



PUPDATE: We don't normally include pet-related announcements in our bulletin, but we are happy to report that Trish Paarlberg's beloved dogs, Ellie and Franklin ("the Roosevelts"), have found a loving home with an active young family in Grayslake. The Roosevelts were well-known to all who frequented Vets Park and our many church members who live in the Parkside neighborhood. A big thank you to the "committee" of church members who made finding a home for the Roosevelts their special project following Trish's tragic passing.

IN YOUR MAILBOX is a letter from Elim Christian Services. Our key lady, Tricia Paarlberg, recently passed away unexpectedly. She had a heart for children and adults with disabilities. She signed the letter prior to her passing. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

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.

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will not be meeting on Tuesday, January 28, our next session will be on **Tuesday, February 11**, at 10:00am in The Fellowship Hall. Please make sure you have viewed the Session 4 video, "Jesus and The Woman Against the Wall, and have filled in p. 66-72 in the study guide. We will do a quick review of the Session 4 video and then watch the Session 5 video, "Jesus and The Woman with Chutzpah." Hope to see you there!

LET'S STOCK OUR CLOSET AND PANTRY

For the remainder of January and February, we're going to be collecting much-needed items for our Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Below is a list of our high priority needs. Let's start 2025 by sharing with those in need! Items can be dropped off on the table in the Fellowship Hall.
This drive will last until Sunday, February 23.



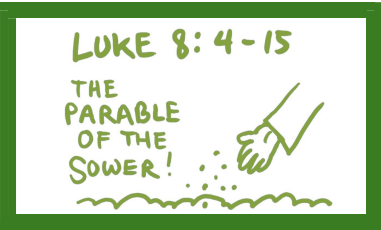
DONATIONS NEEDED

TUNA FISH	RICE
CANNED MEAT	CANNED FRUIT
PEANUT BUTTER	JELLY
PASTA SAUCE	PASTA
COOKIE MIXES	CAKE MIXES
HAMBURGER HELPER (or similar side dishes)	
CANNED TOMATOES	

BAKING BASICS: OIL, FLOUR, SUGAR, SALT & PEPPER

DONATIONS NEEDED

BOYS & GIRLS CLOTHES SIZES 4T-6T
COATS ALL SIZES
OTHER WINTER GEAR
TAMPONS
PADS
SMALL PACKS OF WET WIPES/BABY WIPES
TOOTHBRUSHES
TOOTHPASTE
DEODORANT
GALLON-SIZED ZIPLOCK BAGS
(doesn't have to be name brand)



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengood
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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.