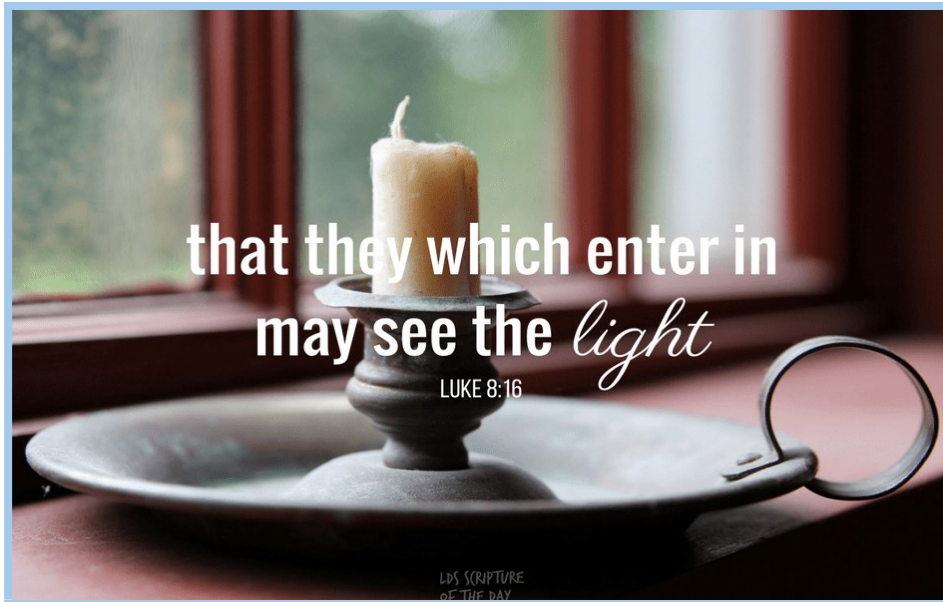


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, January 26, 2025
Welcome to First Reformed Church!



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 EPIPHANY
Sunday, January 26, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Praise to the Living God"
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
"Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"O Worship the King"
"Let It Rise"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"My God Is All I Need"

THE WORD OF GOD

Song for Illumination

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Scripture

Luke 8:16-25

Message

"Luke To Proclaim Good News: What Can Light Do?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

Carillon on "The Old Hundredth"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Organ Postlude

"All Nature's Works His Praise Declare"

*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 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: Steve DeVries
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

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen
WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Jonathon VanderWoude
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Claude & Sharon Brooks
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

CARE...

Myrna Eytcheson fell and after having tests they have found no broken bones.
Mary Koster is scheduled for cataract surgery on Monday, January 27.
Ralph Paarlberg fell and fractured his hip. He had surgery and is rehabbing at Riverside Miller Rehab in Kankakee.
Anita Decker-Steenbergen has moved in with John and Ramelle DeVries (15959 Marian Drive) here in South Holland, as she has completed her rehabbing.
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: **Harriet DeYoung**, Elevate Health Care, Room #108, 16300 Wausau Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Offering: \$10,234.00
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)
Total Giving: \$13,209.15
Gift & Memorial for Tricia Paarlberg: \$803.39
Gift & Memorial for Emily Seefeldt: \$100.00
Reach 175: \$386.59
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$123,621.31

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...

THE FAMILY OF TRICIA PAARLBERG wishes to thank the congregation for your expressions of care and sympathy at the time of our mother's sudden passing. She dearly loved her church, and we could feel your love for us during this difficult time. Please keep us in your prayers as we try to heal. - Peter and Andrew

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Dorothy Ravesloot, who passed away on Monday, January 20. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January 27, at 11:00am in the Chapel.

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 this morning **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 today. 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).

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!

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.



ALL WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be in the chapel at 6:00pm. Our Ash Wednesday Service will begin in Chapel and move to the Fellowship Hall for our Soup Supper. Sign-up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

- ✚ Ash Wednesday, March 5: First Wednesday Fellowship Service/Soup Supper
- ✚ Wednesday, March 12: Lenten Worship Service
- ✚ Wednesday, March 19: Lenten Worship Service
- ✚ Wednesday, March 26: Lenten Worship Service
- ✚ Wednesday, April 2: Lenten Worship Service
- ✚ Wednesday, April 9: Lenten Worship Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday Service (6:00pm)
Friday, April 18: Good Friday Service (7:00pm)
Sunday, April 20: Easter Service (9:30am)

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 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**
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| 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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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.