

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Communion Sunday, February 2, 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!

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Communion Sunday, February 2, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
"Just As I Am"
"Glory and Grace"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"
"Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Lord, I Need You"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

11 Timothy 1:6-10

Message

"Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Till We Meet Again"

*Organ Postlude

"Amazing Grace"

*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, 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: Jonathan 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 Rick & Amy Veldboom
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00PM: ACT meeting in the Heritage Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

11:000AM: CPO Graduation in the Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00AM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Alison VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Raylene Oord
WORSHIP TEAM: Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris, Cindy Nylen, and Faye Gowens
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Raylene Oord, and Katie Sikkema
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

CARE...

Mary Koster is recovering from a successful cataract surgery.

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: **Shirley VanDeursen**, Park Place of St. John, 10820 Park Place, St. John, IN 46372

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Offering: \$**7,186.62**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Total Giving: \$7,186.62

Gift & Memorial for Dorothy Ravesloot: \$150.00

Reach 175: \$296.83

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$123,918.14

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

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...

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 him or her 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!



LENTEN 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)

BOWLING: Join us and the OASIS youth group for an afternoon of bowling! We've reserved Lan-Oak Lanes (2524 Ridge Road, Lansing) on **Sunday, February 16**, from 4:00-6:30pm. The cost is \$15 for 2.5 hours of bowling (includes shoe rental). Bowlers will be allowed to bring in food and drink (within reason). Do you remember bowling with members of our church at Lan-Oak Lanes back in the day? Come relive those memories in 2025 - we won't tell anyone if you elect to use the bumpers! Please sign-up at the Welcome Centers.

CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community, and we are so appreciative of all your donations! If you have clothes or other items to donate to the Clothing Closet, we ask that you drop them off during our open hours (the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00am and the 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00pm). Thank You!

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: 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!

REMINDERS....

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!

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

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.