

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, February 9, 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!

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Sunday, February 9, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Holy King"
"A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord"
"I Love to Tell the Story"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Praise the Name of Jesus"
"Praise the King"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Jesus Strong & Kind"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 8:26-39

Message

"To Proclaim Good News: Spiritual Warfare"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Elder Don DeGraff

Offertory

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Till We Meet Again"

*Organ Postlude

"Be Strong in the 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, 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room
8:00PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Don DeGraff
WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Benjamin Wooley
PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Gwen Adams
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Kathy Rhodes, and Alison VanderWoude
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

CARE...

Ralph Paarlberg fell and fractured his hip. He had surgery and is rehabbing at Riverside Miller Rehab in Kankakee.
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 recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
Katie Hynes, granddaughter of George and Sharon Dinkel, is recovering from hip surgery she had on February 7.
OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Ruth DeBoer, Hartsfield Village #135, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Offering: **\$7,516.52** (*Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00*)
Total Giving: \$7,516.52
Reach 175: \$781.59
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$124,699.73

LET’S STOCK OUR CLOSET AND PANTRY...

For the remainder of February, we are going to be collecting items for our Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Let’s start 2025 by sharing with those in need! Items can be dropped off on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

CLOTHING CLOSET 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, and gallon-sized Ziplock bags

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

tuna fish, canned meat, canned fruit, rice, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, pasta, cookie mixes, cake mixes, hamburger helper (or similar side dishes), canned tomatoes, and baking basics (oil, flour, sugar, salt & pepper)

CHURCH LIFE...

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.

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)

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 this **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....

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. Thank you!

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

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 8:26-39
“To Proclaim Good News: Spiritual Warfare”
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...

Rev. Dr. James Oord
Senior Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

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Church Accountant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith
*Director of Family Life
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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.