

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, February 16, 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!

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Sunday, February 16, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Jesus Loves Me"
"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"
"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"
"His Mercy Is More"
"I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Our Great Savior"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 8:40-56

Message

"To Proclaim Good News: A Compassionate Savior"

Song of Response

"Our Great Savior"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Till We Meet Again"

*Organ Postlude

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

*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 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: Abby Veldboom 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

4:00 – 6:30PM: Bowling at Lan Oaks Lanes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00PM: Strategic Planning meets in the Heritage Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:00PM: Underground Railroad Concert in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Dacia Hill, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Jeremiah Green

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Grace Jacobsma

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff

CARE...

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

Ken Groeneveld is receiving hospice care at home.

Phil Capone continues his physical therapy for his neck injury.

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: Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John, #1212, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Offering: \$10,420.51

Total Giving: \$12,728.78 *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Reach 175: \$211.38

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$124,911.11

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...

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite soup for dinnertime after our Ash Wednesday service on March 5. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite soup (and soon to be ours).

ANNOUNCING: FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! Every year, there are four months that have 5 Sundays (in 2025, those will be March 30, June 29, August 31, and November 30). This year, we will be holding church meals on those Sundays following the worship service (and an abbreviated Sunday School). Each meal will have a special theme and include a potluck aspect. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details about each meal!

BOWLING: Join us and the OASIS youth group this afternoon for bowling! We've reserved Lan-Oak Lanes (2524 Ridge Road, Lansing) for today, 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.



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)

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!

A BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION on **Friday, February 21** from 6:00-8:00pm here at First Church. A program of music, dance, drumming, and dramatic storytelling will celebrate a new effort to recognize a Chicago-to-Detroit Underground Railroad route. The free celebration will feature members of the South Holland Master Chorale, along with other musicians, dancers, and storytellers. The Jan and Aagie Ton farm (members of First Church), was a stop for freedom seekers along the Underground Railroad. This event is being hosted by the newly renamed Midwest Underground Railroad Network (MURN).

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! Sunday school will resume next week for all ages from 11:10am - noon.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, February 25**, at 10:00am, in The Fellowship Hall. Please make sure to complete your homework from Session 5, "Jesus and the Woman with Chutzpah" study guide pages 91-99. 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 8:40-56

“To Proclaim Good News: A Compassionate Savior”

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
Associate Pastor

Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
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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.