

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Sunday, February 23, 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!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Sunday, February 23, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"O Worship the King"
"Thine Arm, O Lord, in Day of Old"
"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

*"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"
"Lord Most High"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Jesus Loves Me"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 9:1-11

Message

*"Luke: To Proclaim Good News: Keep It Simple
(The World is Watching)"*

Song of Response

"God of Justice"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

"So Send I You"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor James Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Till We Meet Again"

*Organ Postlude

"Song for the Nations"

*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 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 Griff & Mary Decker
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Amber Fransen, and Grace Jacobsma
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:00AM: Women’s Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 2

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen
WELCOME CENTER: Barb Grevengood
WORSHIP TEAM: Dacia Hill, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker and Deb Woltzen
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

CARE...

John DeYoung fell at work and broke his ankle and tore three tendons. He had surgery this past Thursday at Methodist Hospital in Merrillville.

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: Jean Spiekhout, Hartsfield Village, Room 135, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Offering: \$5,004.42

Total Giving: **\$5,004.42** *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Reach 175: \$403.13

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$125,314.24

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!

COLOR POTLUCK: Join us on **Sunday, March 30**, for a Fifth Sunday Fellowship Dinner (see announcement above)! Our Fellowship committee will be serving corned beef sandwiches, and we'll look to you to supply the desserts and sides... every person who signs up to attend will be randomly assigned a color, and you have to bring a side or dessert of that color! The pot of gold at the end of this edible rainbow will be the fellowship we treasure as a church family. Sign up at the Welcome Centers!



LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be in the chapel at 6:00pm. Our Ash Wednesday Service will begin in the 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!

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 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 9:1-11

“To Proclaim Good News: Keep it Simple (the World is Watching)”

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 Grevengood
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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.