

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Communion Sunday, March 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!

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Communion Sunday, March 2, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
"Pastorale on Psalm 23"
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"
"Beautiful Savior"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Amazing Grace"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 9:12-17

Message

"We Will Feast"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Elder Roger DeGraff

Offertory

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Organ Postlude

"The Love of God"

*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...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 2

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen

WELCOME CENTER: Barb Grevengoed

WORSHIP TEAM: Dacia Hill, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks and Don & Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Woltzen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim DeGroot

MONDAY, MARCH 3

7:00PM: Music Team

6:00PM: F-PEC meeting

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: Lenten Service in the Chapel (followed by Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

9:00-11:00AM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

GREETERS: Steve VanderWoude and Alison VanderWoude

WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema and Lisa Triemstra

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Steve DeVries, **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris, Cindy Nylen, and Faye Gowens

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Koster, and Lisa Triemstra

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

CARE...

John DeYoung's surgery was a success although 5 pins were needed for the ankle. He is in a lot of pain and discomfort.

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: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Room 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Offering: \$8,077.31

Total Giving: **\$8,077.31**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Gift & Memorial in Memory of Trish Paarlberg: \$150.00

Reach 175: \$111.08

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$125,425.62

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

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!

THE BIBLE LEAGUE LUNCHEON will be **Thursday, March 20**, at Smits Farm at 11:30am. Come and hear how the Lord is blessing the ministry. Illiana Chamber Singers will provide music. Tickets are \$30.00. Call Becky Wright at 708-672-4476.



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)

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, March 11**, at 10:00am, in The Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing the Session 6 video "Jesus and the Woman on the Southern Steps." Hope to see you there.

REMINDERS....

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).

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.

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 9:12-17
“We Will Feast”
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 Grevengood
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

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*Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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.