

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Sunday, March 9, 2025



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (March 5) and ends with the victory of Easter (April 20).

Lent is a season of disruption.

It disrupts our arrogance and invites us into humility.

It disrupts our comfort and invites us into repentance.

It disrupts our stagnancy and invites us into new growth.

As we journey with Jesus through the stories of His suffering and death, we are invited to take up our own crosses and follow Him. During Lent, we surrender our pretense and draw close to Christ, acknowledging just how much we need Him as our Savior and Friend.

We're glad you're joining us at First Reformed Church as we follow Jesus together!

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday, March 9, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Christ For the World We Sing"
"The Old Rugged Cross"
"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

Opening Song of Worship

"Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Love of God"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Daniel 1:1-14

Message

"A Faithful Disciple"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

Lenten Hymn Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Organ Postlude

"Classical Postlude"

*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, 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, Ellen Nelson, and Lisa Triemstra

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

MONDAY, MARCH 10

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Consistory meets in Genesis Room followed by Elder & Deacon meetings

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

6:00PM: Vespers Service in the Chapel

7:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Dennis Woltzen; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema, **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Griff & Mary Decker and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gail Housman, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Koster

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

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. A "meal train" link is included in the Friday Newsletter.

Ralph Paarlberg has been able to return to Bickford Senior Living, Room #248, where he is receiving hospice care.

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.

Continue to pray for those battling cancer, going through treatments, facing side effects, or caring for a loved one with cancer.

And for those giving care to parents, spouses, siblings, children, and/or friends who are struggling.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, 12565 Renaissance Circle, Room 308, Homer Glen, IL 60491

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Offering: \$13,724.84

Total Giving: \$13,724.84

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$495.19

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$125,920.81

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

TO MY FIRST REFORMED CHURCH FAMILY, thank you so much for praying for my Dad, Michael, during the time he had open heart surgery. He is recovering very well. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and we will continue to uplift and pray for you all.

- Love you to pieces, Toni Smith, Director of Family Life

THANK YOU for your prayers, thoughts, cards, and get well wishes concerning my recent cataract surgery. My eye has healed well, and I have completed my last doctor’s appointment and the series of eye drops. Thank you, again, First Church Family!

- Mary Koster

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 held in the Chapel at 6:00pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

- Wednesday, March 12: Vespers Service
- Wednesday, March 19: Vespers Service
- Wednesday, March 26: Vespers Service
- Wednesday, April 2: Vespers Service
- Wednesday, April 9: Vespers Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:



- Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday Service is in the Fellowship Hall (6:00pm)
- Friday, April 18: Good Friday Service is in the Sanctuary (7:00pm)
- Sunday, April 20: Easter Service in the Sanctuary (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 this 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....

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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

THE BIBLE LEAGUE LUNCHEON will be Thursday, March 20, at Smits Farms, 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.

STARTING APRIL 8, South Holland Ministerial Association will resume their monthly One Hour of Power meetings. This is a gathered time of prayer, Bible study and fellowship. The men’s session is every 2nd Tuesday from 12-1pm at the Heritage House. The women’s session is every 2nd Tuesday from 6-7pm at the South Holland Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Daniel 1:1-14

“A Faithful Disciple”

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
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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.