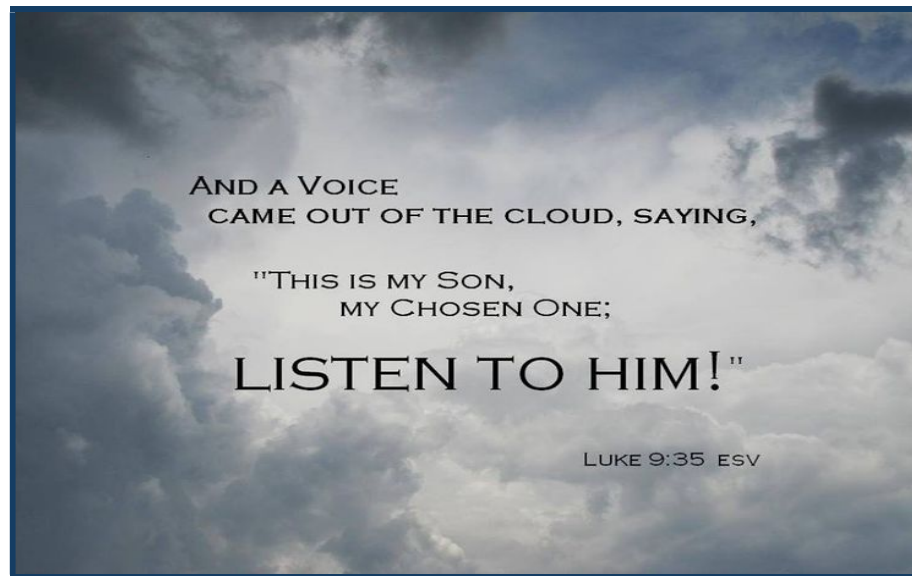


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, March 23, 2025
Welcome to First Reformed Church!



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!

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 23, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"There Is a Redeemer"

"Be Still and Know"

"Lamb of God Most Holy"

Jubilate Ringers

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

"Majesty"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

Women's Ensemble: *"Just As I Am"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 9:28-36

Message

"To Proclaim Good News: Glory"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

Jubilate Ringers: *"Beautiful Savior"*

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Organ Postlude

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

*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 23

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen; **WELCOME CENTER:** Barb Grevengoe
WORSHIP TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Gail Housman, Nate Housman, and Lisa Triemstra
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Griff & Mary Decker
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Gerri VanBaren, and Merley Verhagen
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema
6:30PM: OASIS meets in the Loft

MONDAY, MARCH 24

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

10:00AM: Women’s Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: APBA meets in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

6:00PM: Vespers Service in the Chapel
7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

4:00-6:00PM: Clothing Closet in the AC

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

GREETERS: Steve and Alison VanderWoude
WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Jeffrey Fransen, Joe Fransen, and Lisa Triemstra
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Don & Nyla DeGraff
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Nyla DeGraff, and Cindy Paarlberg
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Gwen Adams

CARE...

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

Phil Capone continues his physical therapy for his neck injury.

Jan Nelson continues her recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

John DeYoung’s surgery was a success although 5 pins were needed for the ankle. A “meal train” link is included in the Friday Newsletter.

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: Dorothy VanVuren, 1039 Sterling Court, Crown Point, IN 46307

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Offering: \$7,245.16
Total Giving: **\$7,245.16**
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)
Gift & Memorial in Memory of Trisha Paarlberg: \$187.00
Reach 175: \$186.59
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$126,647.20

ON DUTY FOR MARCH...

First Security: Rich Thornton
First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of AnnaMae Groeneveld on the passing of her husband, Ken, on Friday, March 14.

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 next **Sunday, March 30**, for a Fifth Sunday Fellowship Dinner! 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!

CALLING ALL SINGERS! If you are interested in joining us in the Easter Choir on **Sunday, April 20**, we invite you to join us for 45-minute rehearsals on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00pm; Monday, April 14 at 6:30pm, and Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00pm. Whether you've sung with us for 30 Easters or never before, we'd love to have you join us! See Anthony, with any questions.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meet **today** from 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be held in the Chapel at 6:00pm. Join us for these midweek opportunities to center our hearts on Christ!

Wednesday, March 26: Vespers Service

Wednesday, April 2: Vespers Service

Wednesday, April 9: Vespers Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday Service in the Fellowship Hall (6:00pm)

Friday, April 18: Good Friday Service 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 LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, March 25**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete the Session 6 study guide assignment, “Jesus and the Woman on the Southern Steps,” pages 109-117. We will discuss your findings. 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!

CHURCH COOKIES AND NUT ALLERGIES: Our wonderful cookies served during fellowship time following church are made by volunteers from our congregation. It's our practice that any cookies containing nuts of any kind are clearly labeled.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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.

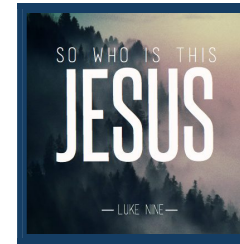
SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Jim Oord

Luke 9:28-36

“To Proclaim Good News: Glory”

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

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Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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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.