

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Sunday, March 30, 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!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday, March 30, 2025 WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Piano & Flute Duet

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

*Opening Song of Worship

"Come To Me"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

"Jesus Strong & Kind"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 9:37-50

Message

"To Proclaim Good News: What Matters"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Elder Russ Paarlberg

Offertory

Lenten Hymn Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Organ Postlude

"Lean On, O King Eternal"

*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 30

GREETERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff
WELCOME CENTER: Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Jeffrey Fransen, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, 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, Laurel DeGraff, and Cindy Paarlberg
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Gwen Adams

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:30AM: ACT Meets in the Heritage Room
6:00PM: Vesper Service in the Chapel

COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 6

GREETERS: Don DeGraff and Jim DeGroot
WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, and Anna Sikkema
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom
COFFEE SERVERS: Rodger & Sherry Norris, Cindy Nysten, and Faye Gowens
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff
6:30PM: OASIS meets in the Loft

CARE...

Phil Capone continues his physical therapy for his neck injury.

Sharon Dinkel is scheduled for surgery tomorrow, Monday, March 31 to remove a cancerous spot on her leg.

Jan Nelson continues her recovery 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: Viola VanDam, Providence of Downers Grove, Rm. #63A, 3450 Saratoga Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Offering: \$3,664.47

Total Giving: **\$3,664.47**

Gift & Memorial in Memory of Trisha Paarlberg: \$309.56

Gift & Memorial in Memory of Ken Groeneveld: \$25.00

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$126.38

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$126,773.58

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 Margene Paarlberg on the passing of her husband, Ralph, on Thursday, March 20.

DENOMINATIONAL DIRECTION: The elders thank the congregation for their attendance and participation in the two congregational information sessions. The presented information has been placed in every mailbox for the congregation to review. The elders welcome your questions and ask for your prayers about these matters. The next informational session will be **Sunday, April 27** beginning at 11:10am.

ANNOUNCING: FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! Every year, there are four months that have 5 Sundays (in 2025, those will be today, 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 today for our 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 signed up to attend has been randomly assigned a color, and are bringing 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.

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 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.

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, 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 from 11:10am – 11:45am. 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. Tibstra House meets in the Chapel

THE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, April 8**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing the video for session seven, "Jesus and the Tale of Two Marys." 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!

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. **The new Cookie Duty Scheule** for May-August 2025 is in your mailbox. Thank you for blessing the congregation with your delicious creations each week. The gift of hospitality is a vital ministry at First Church. Thanks again for your willingness to serve.

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.

SOUTH HOLLAND SPRING CLEANING! The South Holland Ministerial Association is organizing a morning of "cleaning and greening" around our community on Saturday, May 3, from 8:00am-12:00pm. Teams from local churches and schools will work together to make our Village clean, bright, and beautiful. Lunch will be provided. Talk to Pastor Jim to sign up!

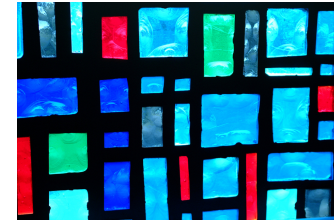
SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Jim Oord

Luke 9:37-50

“To Proclaim Good News: What Matters”

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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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.