

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Palm Sunday, April 13, 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!

PALM SUNDAY
April 13, 2025
WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
"The Holy City"
"The Lovely Name of Jesus"

Opening Song of Worship

"Sing Hosanna to the King"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
"The Name of the Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"I Will Wait For You"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 38

Message

"How's Your Heart? On the Edge"

Song of Response

"God With Us"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offertory

Lenten Hymn Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Organ Postlude

"Postlude on St. Theodulph"

*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...

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Dennis Woltzen; **WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Abby Veldboom
JUBILATE BELL RINGERS: Sue Dinkel, Barb Grevengoed, Barb Housman, and Mary Berumen
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Raylene Oord, and Katie Sikkema
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim DeGroot

MONDAY, APRIL 14

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
5:30PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
6:30PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
7:00PM: 2nd Quarterly Consistory meeting in the Genesis Room
(Elders & Deacons will meet following Consistory meeting)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

6:30PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
7:00PM: Choir & Bell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00PM: Maundy Thursday Meal and Service in the Fellowship Hall

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

7:00PM: Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Don & Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, and Abby Veldboom
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jim Oord and Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Amber Fransen, Barb Grevengoed, & Kathy Rhodes
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Gwen Adams

CARE...

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY: The family of Ken Groeneveld would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and support during this difficult time.

- AnnaMae Groeneveld

Craig Nelson will be going to the Mayo clinic on Monday, April 14, in preparation for open heart surgery.

Jan Nelson is home recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

Pray for **Christopher Nelson** as his cancer has returned.

Phil Capone continues his physical therapy for his neck injury.

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.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Wayne Deinema, Park Place of St. John, Room #3307, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

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).

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Offering: \$7,614.04

Total Giving: **\$7,614.04;** *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Reach 175: \$203.43

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$127,419.63

ON DUTY FOR APRIL...

First Security: Mike Costello

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

CHURCH LIFE...

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30-8:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be served at the tables during this meeting. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

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.

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 this 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!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday Meal/Service in the Fellowship Hall (6:00pm). Sign up at the Welcome Centers!

Friday, April 18: Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary (7:00pm)

Sunday, April 20: Easter Service in the Sanctuary (9:30am)

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.

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!

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 for the last session of the season on **Tuesday, April 20**, at 10:00 am in The Fellowship Hall. We will discuss pages 126-137 in our study guide, "Jesus and The Tale of The Two Marys" and conclude our time together with a celebratory brunch. Hope to see you there!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

South Holland Ministerial Association host 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 keep our Village clean, bright, and beautiful. Lunch will be provided. Talk to Pastor Jim to sign up!

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: The annual Prayer Breakfast will be held this **Thursday, May 1**, at 7:30am at Spirit of God Fellowship (Tickets - \$10 at the door). Every year, this is a powerful opportunity for our community to come together in prayer.

EVENING OF THANKSGIVING: Chicagoland Prison Outreach Banquet on **Tuesday, May 20**, celebrating 31 years of God's faithfulness at Tinley Park Convention Center beginning with punch at 6:30pm with dinner served at 7:00pm. Visit their website www.cpoministries.org/banquet for tickets or call 708-331-3301.

SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Jim Oord
Psalm 38
“How’s Your Heart? On the Edge”



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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

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Jane Ackerman
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Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith
Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care

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"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting get.theapp.co/1779.



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.