

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2023



Welcome...

Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened;
Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged;
Here may the struggling find help and the sorrowful find comfort;
Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed;
Here may the hurting find consolation and the searching be inspired;
Here may strangers find fellowship and friends be united;
Here may the voiceless find their song and the marginalized find a home;
Here may hate be challenged and community be formed.
We open our doors and welcome you in the name of Jesus.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, September 3, 2023

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
"El Senor Es Mi Luz"

Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Singing

"I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock"
"My God is All I Need"
"Praise the Name of Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"I'll Not Be Shaken"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Psalm 27

Sermon

"How's Your Heart? Trusting and Confident"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offertory

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Postlude

"For All the Saints"

*Those who are able please stand.

Please, join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

CARE...

Shirley Van Deursen was discharged from Ingalls Hospital and has been transferred to Park Place Rehabilitation in St. John to continue her therapy.

Robert Wooley is recovering at home from foot surgery.

Monty Riddering is recovering at home from hip replacement surgery.

Lois Van Vuren has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

Clifton Rhodes, Rachel Wooley, Kathy Oord, and Christopher Nelson, continue with their treatments for cancer.

Craig Nelson is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

Alice Kats has been transitioned to hospice care in her home.

Daniel Pletzke, son-in-law of Ron and Diana Abernathy, is recovering from heart surgery.

Anne Koval's son-in-law, **Andy Applebee,** has completed therapy and the family is very thankful for your prayers.

Pray for **Marsha Pilipow** as she tends to the health of her aging mother, Patricia, whose medical condition has gotten worse.

Pray for **Sean Costello's** recovery from spinal surgery and for Mike and Pam as they continue to care for Sean and bring him to doctor visits and rehab sessions.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Arleta Hommes, Valparaiso Senior Living (Memory Care Unit), Room 213, 74 Porter Campus Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383

YOUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 20

Basket Total: \$2,250.00; Online Total: \$2,121.19

Giving Total: \$4,371.19; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Sunday, August 27

Basket Total: \$5,245.00; Online Total: \$1,592.80

Giving Total: \$6,837.80; (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER...

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude; **First Security:** Colin Cutler

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Dennis Woltzen

WELCOME CENTER: Trina Taylor

WORSHIP TEAM: Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, and Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Izzy Veldboom; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Geri VanBaren and Mary Decker

COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks, Trina Taylor, and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Rhonda DeBok

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – LABOR DAY

Church Office and Family Life Christian Pre-School & Day Care closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: 1st Wednesday Night Fellowship with meal and The Chosen, Season 2, #1

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00-8:00PM: 175th Church Picnic in the Activity Center

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

JOINT SERVICE WITH GRACE CHURCH

GREETERS: Trina Taylor and Don DeGraff

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Abby Veldboom

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Lisa Triemstra, Gail Housman, Deb Woltzen, Felicia Flowers, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Koster

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy on the passing of my brother, Howard Anker. A memorial service will be held on October 14 in Naples, Florida.
– AnnaMae Groeneveld

CHURCH PICNIC: Our annual church picnic will be held this **Saturday, September 9**, from 5:00-8:00pm. You can sign up using the form in your bulletin (drop it in the offering plate) or on our church website. This picnic will be a celebration of our 175th anniversary – you won't want to miss what we have planned! **If your last name starts with A-I, bring a dessert to share; if J-Z, bring a salad to share.** Look forward to seeing you there!

PASTOR JIM'S OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Jim can be found in the following places from 1:00-3:00pm if you want to stop by to share a cup of coffee/tea and have a conversation or just hang out. Monday, Starbucks (South Holland location); Thursday, SoHo Sweets. Of course, you can remain free to text, email, or call if there's another time you'd like to meet.



THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 OPPORTUNITY!

This fall, we invite you to once again come out every other Wednesday to watch *The Chosen, Season 2* together. *The Chosen* is a carefully researched and well-made dramatization of the life of Jesus as told in the biblical gospels. If you didn't watch season 1 with us last year, you're still welcome to come! You can catch

up on Season 1 for free online (or ask the church office about DVDs you can borrow). This study will begin this **Wednesday, September 6**, and will include a meal at 6:00pm and run every other Wednesday until we finish Season 2. The episode screening will be followed by discussion and a deeper dig into the Bible's stories of the life of Jesus. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

Mark your calendars for these future exciting fellowship times!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEALS & STUDY NIGHTS

September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18, November 1, 15, & 29 and December 13

6:00 – 7:30pm

December 6: First Christmas Party (no study)

PLEASE JOIN US as the First Church Ladies' Bible Study begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 26**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Kickoff Brunch, handing out the new study guide, and watching the first video of our study by Margaret Feinberg entitled "Revelation-Extravagant Hope." If you have been hesitant about studying the book of Revelation, join us as we learn about God's promises, His hope for the future, and His rest for the weary. The cost of the study guide is \$18.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Tuesday, September 5, if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. Hope you can attend!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: On **Sunday, September 17**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:10am. Class information to follow.

COOKIE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, please check your mailboxes for the Cookie Schedule for the next 4 months. Thank you for being such an integral part of our hospitality and fellowship. You are loved and appreciated!

AREA EVENTS...

HERITAGE FEST will be held this **Monday, September 4** from 10:00am-4:00pm at Paarlberg Park (17234 Paxton Avenue, South Holland). The South Holland Historical Society invites you to the annual Heritage Fest on Labor Day! The event celebrates local history and heritage, with crafters, wood carvers, traditional Dutch food, performances by the South Holland Municipal Band, the Master Chorale, and more!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 23, is the Elim Dutch Festival. Please think of ways in which you can be part of this wonderful ministry serving children and adults with disabilities. We will need volunteers that day, baked or candy goodies, craft items, or any type of donation is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Judy Gill, Lynn Hoeksema, or Tricia Paarlberg.

THE BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS of First Reformed Church have placed a special fundraising letter in your church mailbox. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage people in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter and as you read it, please sincerely pray for God's Word to change lives. We appreciate any contribution you can give to purchase Bibles. Kindly respond on or before **Sunday, September 24**. Any questions, please contact Becky Wright or Judy Gill.

SERMON NOTES...

Pastor James Oord

Psalm 27

“How’s Your Heart? Trusting and Confident”

PRAYER ROOM: Need a word of encouragement or someone to pray with? Come to the prayer room after church until 11am. It is located outside the double doors west of the Chapel. A team of dedicated volunteers would welcome the opportunity to pray with you this morning.



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

Rev. James Oord
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Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
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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.