

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, November 17, 2024



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Being part of a church means growing together. For 175 years, First Reformed Church has been a place where people gather to follow Jesus, give our praise and thanks to the Father, and keep in step with the Spirit as we receive encouragement, face challenges, and bear one another's burdens.

1857 is the first record of Sunday School classes being held in our church.

Classes for our children have been part of our church life ever since! Currently we hold Sunday School classes from 11:10am-noon on Sundays throughout the school year, through high school. There are also adult classes and Bible Study opportunities.

Come join us as we grow, learn, worship, and serve together!

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, November 17, 2024

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	<i>"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"</i> <i>"Face to Face"</i> <i>"Jesus Lives and So Shall I"</i> <i>"Come to Jesus"</i>
Call to Worship & Greeting One Another	Pastor Jim Oord
*Congregational Worship	<i>"All Glory Be to God on High"</i> <i>"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Song of Assurance	<i>"Jesus Paid It All"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading	II Corinthians 4:7-18, 5:14-17
Message	"Let's Talk About Death: What is Death?"
Song of Response	<i>"Abide With Me"</i>

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Jim Oord
Offertory	Request Jar
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Jim Oord
*Sending in Grace	<i>"God Be With You"</i>
*Organ Postlude	<i>"When We All Get to Heaven"</i>
*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, NOVEMBER 17

GREETERS: Steve and Alison VanderWoude; **WELCOME CENTER:** Barb Grevengoed

WORSHIP TEAM: Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Bill Nyhanna

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra; **PIANO:** Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gail Housman, Ellen Nelson, and Merley Verhagen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim DeGroot

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:00PM: Meal and The Chosen

7:00PM: Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00AM: Serve Saturday (see announcement)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

GREETERS: Jim DeGroot and Don DeGraff

WELCOME CENTER: Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa

Triemstra, and Bella VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Joey Nyhanna; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Don & Nyla DeGraff

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Joanne Hoeksema, Gerri VanBaren, and Deb Woltzen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff

CARE...

Mike Hoeksema has been scheduled for hip replacement on **Tuesday, November 26**, at Lagrange Hospital. Please pray that this surgery will go well and will relieve pain.

Lindsey Robertson, husband of Larry DeYoung's sister Donna, is receiving hospice care at their home in New Lenox.

Dorothy VanVuren is at home recovering from a heart procedure.

Judith Besser is going through physical therapy at Aliya of Homewood.

Phil Capone suffered an injury at work and is recuperating at home.

Gert Stallinga fell and had surgery to repair damage to her hip and femur. She has now been moved to Ignite Medical Resort in Crown Point.

Ellen Nelson's daughter **Colleen** is going through a variety of serious health issues.

Craig and Jan Nelson continue to struggle with a variety of health issues and need prayers for health and strength.

Megan DeYoung's mom, **Dianne**, is in a lot of pain and continues with her physical therapy daily.

Linda Capone's mother, **Joyce Novak**, has a non-cancerous tumor on her lung and may need surgery.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, November 3

Offering: \$13,873.25; *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Total Giving: \$13,873.25

Reach 175: \$958.15; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$115,370.67

Sunday, November 10

Offering: \$8,166.87; *(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Total Giving: \$8,166.87

Reach 175: \$346.08; UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$115,716.75

ON DUTY FOR NOVEMBER...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

OPEN HOUSE: -Nancy Boerman will be celebrating her 90th birthday! There will be an Open House to commemorate this occasion here at church on **Saturday, November 30**, from 1:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall with a short program at 2:00pm.

2024 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE: We are collecting boxes of stuffing and our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes by **today**, Sunday, November 17! These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. Your donations can be dropped off in the narthex at our Welcome Center, or at the blue table in the Fellowship Hall. **We have collected 953 boxes so far!**

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas project. The Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Let's help support these families! Return date for the angel tree gifts is **Sunday, December 1**.

SERVE SATURDAY: On **Saturday, November 23**, we will be holding a Serve Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be six opportunities to serve: 1) Trustee Clean-up (the trustees made a list of do-able projects and touch-ups around our church), 2) Food Pantry Moving Day (we're moving our Food Pantry from upstairs in the loft to downstairs in the Activity Center), 3) Clothing Closet Sorting Day (sort and size clothes to make our Clothing Closet more easily "shoppable"), 4) Card-Writing (write and sign cards for our shut-ins and CPO families), 5) Turkey Handout (help the Exodus Project hand out Thanksgiving meals). Sign up at the Welcome Centers! Our sixth project will be Turkey Packing by our OASIS group helping Open Access assemble their Thanksgiving bags.

EXODUS PROJECTS ANNUAL GALA: The Exodus Projects will hold their annual ministry gala at 6:30pm on **Thursday, November 21**, at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. All are invited to join as we fellowship together and hear about the work being done in the Chicago Heights community. To RSVP, please visit www.theexodusprojects.org/gala or speak to Pastor Corey Buchanan. We hope to see you there!

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
- High schoolers meet in the Balcony



The Chosen, Season 3, Episode 7, centers around the chaos that the Apostles cause by sharing Jesus' teachings in the deeply divided, multiethnic region known as the Decapolis. It also gives us new insight into Gaius' troubled family situation and reveals a formative moment from Matthew's past. This study continues this **Wednesday, November 20**, and will include a light meal at 6:00pm. The series will conclude on Wednesday, December 11. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY will meet again this **Tuesday, November 19** (please note change of date), at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We will review the homework from Session 2, study guide pgs. 37-45 and watch the Session 3 video, "Jesus and the Woman at the Well." Hope you can attend!

REMINDERS....

BE SURE TO VISIT the Welcome Centers to sign up for church events, sign cards for our shut-ins, sign the card for our missionary of the month, 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!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO NOTE...

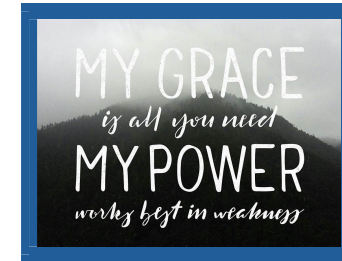
- ✚ **Wednesday, December 4**, come join us at 6:00pm for our (fourth) First Christmas Party. Enjoy a delicious meal, festive games, sparkling conversation, and holiday cheer with your church family! Sign up at the Welcome Center(s).
- ✚ **Wednesday, December 11**, our last Chosen Bible study will be from 6:00-7:30pm. Includes a meal and is followed by an episode screening with discussion.
- ✚ **Sunday, December 15**, at 6:00pm, join us for our annual Service of Lessons and Carols: a night filled with the Scriptures, sights, stories, and sounds of Christmas. Amidst the busyness of the Christmas season, join us to anchor your soul in God's salvation story.
- ✚ **Sunday, December 18**, at 6:00pm, our Chapel Vespers Service. Come join us for a peaceful and meditative time of worship and prayer, an oasis to center you on Christ during the busy season.
- ✚ **Tuesday, December 24**, join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 11:00pm. This service is always a highlight of the year, as we stay up and greet Christmas Day with carols, candlelight, worship, and sparklers!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS....

WINTER WONDERLAND is scheduled for **Friday, December 6**, from 6:00-8:00pm. Holiday festivities and activities at Veterans Memorial Park in South Holland. For more details go to southholland.org. Fun for the whole family!

ROUTE 6 RESURFACING: Route 6 (159th Street) is currently undergoing resurfacing, resulting in some lane closures and associated traffic slowdowns. The project is expected to be completed by early December. We appreciate your patience as these long-awaited improvements are made, and we're excited for smoother travels on Route 6 in the near future!

CPO (Chicagoland Prison Outreach): You are cordially invited to join CPO for a very special online prayer meeting on **Tuesday, November 19**, at 7:00pm. CPO staff, volunteers, and supporters will come together online to pray for the health and effectiveness of CPO, and its ministries, as well as praise God for the blessings and transformation of the lives of the men and women CPO serves.



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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 Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Geri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

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.