

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
Sunday, November 24, 2024



## Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Next week, the Church Liturgical Year starts anew with Advent. This last Sunday of Ordinary Time is known as "Christ the King Sunday." Christ the King Sunday was developed in the 1920's as a response to the horrors of World War I and to oppose the threat of the growing global movements of nationalism, fascism, and supremacy.

This is a Sunday to remind ourselves that, whatever assails us, Jesus is Lord and King over all, and our deepest allegiance is not to the nations of this world but to the transnational, multiethnic, ever-growing, all-encompassing Kingdom of God. We gather today to remind ourselves that...

Whatever we may be facing, Jesus is on the throne.

Whatever hurts we carry, Jesus is on the throne.

Whatever may be threatening us, Jesus is on the throne.

Whatever seems to be unmooring our world, Jesus is on the throne.

Come, let us worship Christ, our Victorious King!

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Sunday, November 24, 2024

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Song of the Redeemed"*

*"Peaceful Rest"*

*"For All the Saints"*

Call to Worship & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

\*Congregational Worship

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

*"Forever"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

*"Beautiful Savior"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Revelation 20-22

Message

"Let's Talk About Death: When Christ Shall Come..."

Song of Response

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Joanne Hoeksema

Offertory

*"How Great Thou Art"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

\*Sending in Grace

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"*

\*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 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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**6:00PM:** Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**7:00PM:** Elders meeting in the Heritage Room

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

**6:00PM:** Thanksgiving Eve Service in the Sanctuary (no nursery provided)

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 & 28

Church Office and Day Care Closed

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

**GREETERS:** Dennis Woltzen and Barry Voss

**WELCOME CENTER:** Deb Woltzen

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, and Bella VanderWoude

**PROJECTION:** Jonathan VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Russ Paarlberg

## *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 Ravesloot** is having health problems and needs our prayers; she is receiving care at home.

**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.

**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.

**Michael Parkman**, Toni Smith, our Family Life Director's father, had quadruple bypass surgery on Tuesday, November 19 in Nashville.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Ralph & Margene Paarlberg**, Bickford Senior Living, 100 Jones Drive, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

## *OUR GIFTS...*

### Sunday, November 17

Offering: **\$4,189.61**

*(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)*

Total Giving: \$4,189.61

Reach 175: \$233.59

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$115,718.75

## *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.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Emily Seefeldt will be held on **Friday, December 13**, at 1:00pm, in the Sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

**THANK YOU!** Due to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to reach our goal of 1,000 boxes of stuffing, which are being used by Open Access to deliver free Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Thank you for being a part of this yearly giving tradition.

**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**.

**CLOTHING CLOSET:** We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community, and we are so appreciative of all your donations! If you have clothes or other items to donate to the Clothing Closet, we ask that you drop them off during our open hours (the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00am and the 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00pm). Thank You!

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:** When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're continuing a series of "Getting to Know You" slides where our church family can meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. Maybe you'll be interviewed next!

**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).

## 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–2<sup>nd</sup> Grade meet in the Genesis Room
- 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Library
- 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Heritage Room
- 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Balcony
- Tibstra House meets in the Chapel
- High schoolers meet in the Balcony



In **Episode 8 of Season 3 of The Chosen**, Jesus preaches to a crowd, and thousands arrive to listen. Shmuel and Atticus hear what's happening and journey towards the Decapolis to catch Jesus in the act of a possible revolt. The episode also focuses on the faith of the disciples and their opportunity for faith during the Feeding of the 5,000. This study continues this **Wednesday, December 11**,

and will include a light meal at 6:00pm. This episode will conclude Season 3. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** will be having their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cookie Exchange and Packing Party on **Tuesday, December 10**, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a batch (approximately 36 cookies) to pack and share. We will also be doing a short review of pages 55-63 in our study guide. Hope you can attend!

**ATTENTION COOKIE COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS:** The new Cookie Duty Schedule for January - April 2025 is in your mailbox. Thank you for gifting the congregation with your delicious creations each week. This gift of hospitality is a vital ministry to First Church. Thanks again for your willingness to serve.



## 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.
- ✚ **Wednesday, 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!

## 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.

## 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](http://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!



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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*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

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

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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.