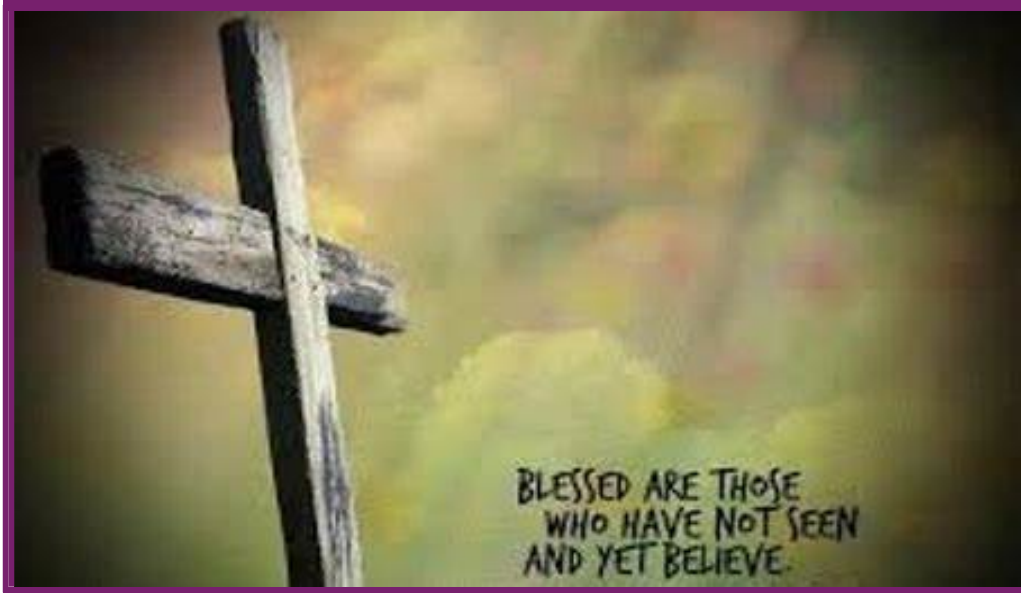


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Second Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2025



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Did you know that in the church calendar, Easter is not just one day, it's a whole season, encompassing the 50 days from Resurrection Sunday until Pentecost (June 8 this year). During this season, we watch the grass get greener, the flowers blooming, and the days getting warmer, and we celebrate the Spring of our souls, the new life we experience in Jesus!

We are so glad that you are here to celebrate this truth with us: Jesus' Resurrection changes everything! For 177 years, First Church has been a loving place where God's people have grown and experienced transformation and new life. Join us in the joy, worship, community, and hope that Jesus brings!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"How Firm A Foundation"

"Psalm 132"

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Variations on "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

"Let It Rise"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Christ Our Hope in Life & Death"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 1:1-2:4

Message

"David's First Inaugural"

Pastor Derek Buikema

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Jim Oord

Offering

Hymn Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Derek Buikema

*Sending in Grace

"He Is Lord"

*Organ Postlude

"I Live"

*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, APRIL 27

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Steve and Alison VanderWoude
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolen Bolkema, Gail Housman, Nate Housman, Lisa Triemstra, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Griff & Mary Decker
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Alison VanderWoude
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg
11:10AM: Denominational Direction Session in the Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 28

9:30AM: Piece makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MAY 1

7:30AM: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Spirit of God Fellowship

SUNDAY, MAY 4

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylen, Rodger Norris, and Barb Grevengoed
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Gerri VanBaren
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

CARE...

Anita Decker-Steenbergen was admitted to Franciscan Hospital in Munster due to blood clots in her lungs. She is undergoing testing and being monitored as she recovers.

Craig Nelson is awaiting a necessary open-heart surgery at Mayo Clinic.

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.

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: Judith Besser, Bridgeway of Bensenville, 303 E. Washington St. Apt. 142, Bensenville, IL 60106

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Offering: \$8,648.63

Total Giving: **\$8,648.63**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Gift and Memorial in Memory of Trisha Paarlberg: \$200.00

Reach 175: \$203.43

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$127,834.14

ON DUTY FOR APRIL...

First Security: Mike Costello

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

CHURCH LIFE...

TODAY WE WELCOME Rev. Derek Buikema to our pulpit. Rev. Buikema is the pastor of Orland Park CRC and has been a helpful resource to our elders as they worked on discerning our church's denominational direction. Following our service, Rev. Buikema will be leading an informational session concerning the CRC as we prepare for our congregational meeting. The informational session will begin at 11:10am in the Fellowship Hall.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, May 13**, from 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. The main purpose of the meeting will be the election of elders, deacons, and trustees and any other business which rightfully comes before such a meeting. We will also be voting on the Consistory's recommendation to dually affiliate with the CRC and RCA. Eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age. If you would like the nursery for your child(ren) (up to 5 yrs. old), please notify the church office by Friday, May 9.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon and Trustees:

ELDER NOMINEES: Anthony Bolkema (3-yr. term), Jim Bosman (3-yr. term), and Corey Buchanan (1-yr. term)

DEACON NOMINEES: Randy DeBok (1-yr. term), Ray Housman (3-yr. term), and Eric Pradelski (1-yr. term extension)

TRUSTEE NOMINEES (2-yr. terms): Adam Jabaay, Mark Spiekhout, and Don VanDeursen

PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 13. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of "yes" or "no" for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

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.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL for the season! All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

SOUTH HOLLAND MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION hosts 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.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: The annual Prayer Breakfast will be held on **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.

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!

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...

Reverend Derek Buikema
2 Samuel 1:1-2:4
“David’s First Inaugural”

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

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
Church Accountant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Toni Smith
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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.