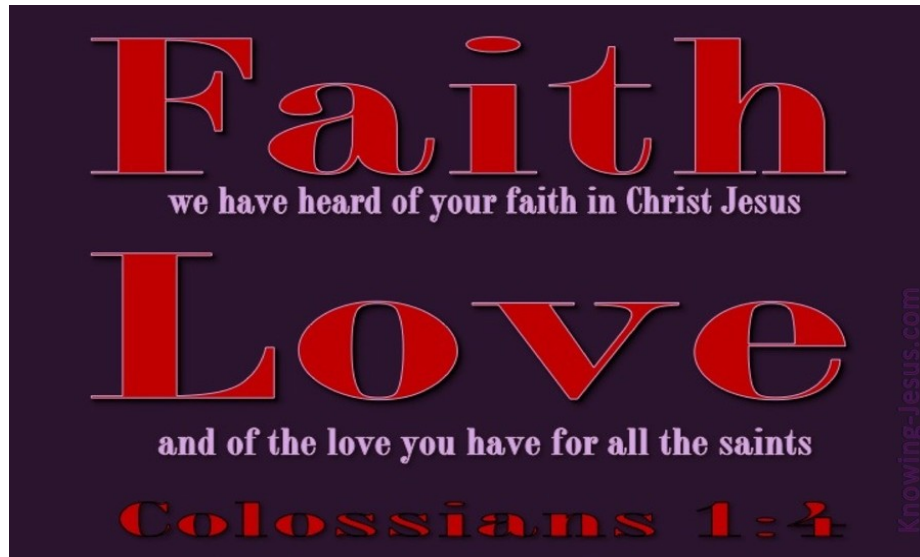


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025



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!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 11, 2025 – Mother's Day

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"The Church's One Foundation"
"Oh, the Glory of Your Presence"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Sing Praise to the Lord"
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Beautiful Savior"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-4

Message

"Organic Evangelism: Ecclesia Mater Nostra Est"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"He is Lord"

*Organ Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*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, MAY 11

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Rodger Norris and Barry Voss

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, Abby Veldboom

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Clint & Merley Verhagen and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Cindy Paarlberg, and Debbie Woltzen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

MONDAY, MAY 12

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, MAY 13

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:30PM: Congregational Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 14

10:00AM: First Impressions meets in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 18

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Dennis & Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Grant Sikkema, Anna Sikkema, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok, **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri VanBaren

COFFEE SERVERS: Claude & Sharon Brooks and Gwen Adams

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Mary Koster, and Gail Housman

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

CARE...

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Huizenga family, the Tibstra House family, and friends of **Jim Huizenga** who passed away on Tuesday, May 6.

Charlie Rietveld is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, May 14 at Munster Community due to a spot on his lip.

Jean Spiekhout fell while getting into bed. She is at Hartsfield Assistant Living for therapy.

MaryAnn Gouwens is now at Ignite Medical Resort in Crown Point due to blood pressure issues.

Sharon Dinkel is at Palos Heights Hospital due to an infection.

Anita Decker-Steenbergen has returned home from the hospital and is doing well.

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.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John, #1212, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Offering: \$**5,165.99**

Total Giving: \$5,165.99 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Ralph Paarlberg Gift & Memorial Gift: \$100.00

Reach 175: \$161.89

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$128,247.11

ON DUTY FOR MAY...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held this **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. So absentee ballots are for elder, deacon, and trustee only! Voting on denominational direction will be by paper ballot and requires a 2/3 majority of those present. You must be present at the meeting to vote on denominational direction.

IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS is a packet for our Congregational meeting with the agenda, minutes from the 2024 Congregational Meeting, the proposed annual budgets for 2025/2026, and five written reports. Please review and take this packet along with you to our annual Congregational Meeting on **Tuesday, May 13** at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to sign up at Welcome Centers.

FAMILY FEUD: Join us for a night of Family Feud, hosted by our very own Keith Flowers! **Saturday, May 31**, from 6:30-8:30pm, snacks and refreshments provided. Everyone who signs up will get a chance to play... sign up at the Welcome Center(s) and we'll put you on a team! Who will win the grand prize?

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!

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

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.

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.

JUNETEENTH: The South Holland Ministerial Association is working together with the Village to host a community Juneteenth event on **Saturday, June 21**, from Noon-4:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park. Join us for a celebration of African American history!

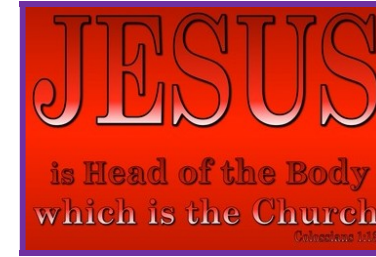
SERMON NOTES...

Pastor James Oord

Colossians 1:1-4

“Organic Evangelism: Ecclesia Mater Nostra Est”

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 Grevengoed

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

*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.