

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
May 25, 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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 25, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"All Creatures of Our God and King"
"I Know Whom I Have Believed"
"O God Beyond All Praising"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
"His Name is Wonderful"
"Christ is Enough"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jim Oord

Song of Assurance

"Cornerstone"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-29

Message

"Organic Evangelism: Be Confident!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offering

"Amazing Grace" & *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* – Piano Duet

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Jesus Saves!"

*Organ Postlude

"Our God Reigns"

*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 25

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Jim and Bonnie DeGroot

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Pastor Jim Oord

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Mary Bosman and Trina Taylor

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nancy DeVries, Barb Grevengoed, and Joanne Hoeksema

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Rick Veldboom

MONDAY, MAY 26 – MEMORIAL DAY

Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care Closed

SATURDAY, MAY 31

6:00PM: Family Feud Night in the Fellowship Hall

COMMUNION SUNDAY, JUNE 1

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Cindy Nylen and Rodger Norris

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Steve & Nancy DeVries, and Mary Koster

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

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

CARE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Jack Dalenberg and family in the passing of Judy Dalenberg. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 7, at 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange.

John DeYoung will be having surgery Thursday, May 29 in Merrillville to have pins removed from his foot.

Charlie Rietveld's procedure went well, and he is recovering at home.

Ruth DeBoer needs our prayers after spending time on some health issues at Community Hospital in Munster.

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

MaryAnn Gouwens has moved back to Park Place and is doing well.

Sharon Dinkel has moved to Silver Cross Hospital in the ICU due to heart problems and an infection.

Craig Nelson is home 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: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Offering: **\$5,785.22**

Total Giving: \$5,785.22 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Gift & Memorial in Memory of Ken Groeneveld: \$500.00

Reach 175: \$146.89

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$128,862.50

ON DUTY FOR MAY...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION for your nominations, attendance, and vote at this year's congregational meeting. The following members were elected to office: Elders: Anthony Bolkema, Jim Bosman, and Corey Buchanan (1 yr. term). Deacons: Randy DeBok (1 yr. term), Ray Housman, and Eric Pradelski (1 yr. extension). Trustees: Adam Jabaay, Mark Spiekhout, and Don VanDeursen. The Consistory and congregation take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the leading of these individuals to service in our church. We pray for God's blessings on each of them as they lead and serve among us. We also bless God for the humble leadership and service of Gwen Adams, Mike Decker, Nick Paarlberg, and Rick Veldboom, who are outgoing members of Consistory.

DENOMINATIONAL DIRECTION: At our congregational meeting, our congregation voted by an 86% majority to approve the consistory's recommendation to enter into dual affiliation with the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) and Reformed Church in America (RCA). Our elders are now beginning the process of working out details with Classis Chicago South of the CRC, hoping to formalize these connections this summer.

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?

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL & DAY CARE GRADUATION is scheduled for **Friday, June 6**, at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary. All First Church members are invited to come and support our families in the Family Life Christian Day Care Program.

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). If those times don't work for you, you may drop off donations Monday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Open Access office in Homewood (900 Maple Avenue). All donations dropped off at Open Access will be sorted and used at our Clothing Closet or one of the several others Open Access runs in our region.

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.

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

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!

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!

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.

UNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is holding a "Vision Event" on **Thursday, June 5**, at 6:00pm on their campus. This is a great opportunity to get to know this amazing Christian resource in our community and learn about their growth and future.

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 1:15-23

“Organic Evangelism: Be Confident!”

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

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Nursery Coordinator

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Director of Family Life
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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.