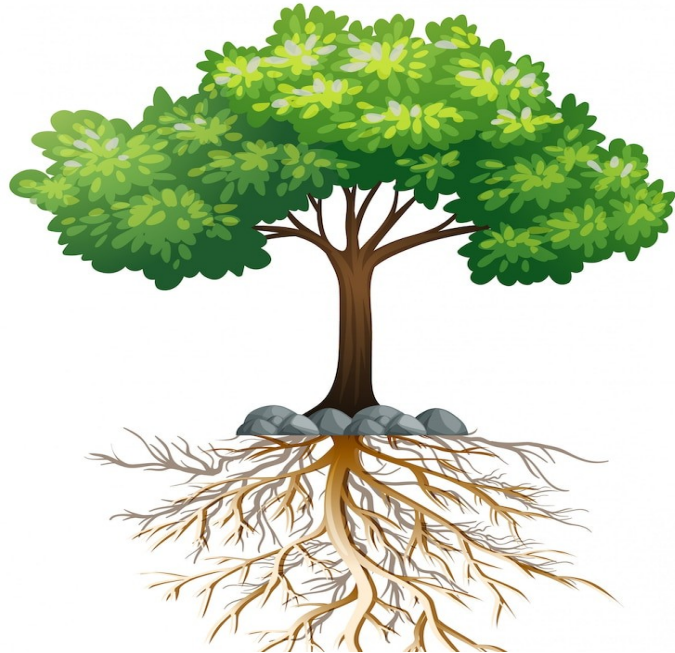


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Communion Sunday, June 1, 2025



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!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Communion Sunday, June 1, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee"
"Be Still, My Soul"
"Channels Only"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"
"My Hope is in the Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:1-7

Message

"Organic Evangelism: Connect!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Elder Jim DeGroot

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"Jesus Saves!"

*Organ Postlude

"Welcome, Happy Morning"

*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...

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: Rhonda DeBok

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

MONDAY, JUNE 2

6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: Consistory members (newly elected also meet) in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

4:00PM: Daycare Graduation in the Sanctuary

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Rodger Norris and Cindy Nylen

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker

SOUND: Rhonda DeBok

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Mary Decker

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Raylene Oord, and Katie Sikkema

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 this Saturday, June 7, at 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange.

Harriet DeYoung is receiving hospice care at Elevate Health Care in South Holland.

John DeYoung is recovering from surgery he had to remove pins 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 been transferred to Burgess Square Health Care and Rehab Centre in Westmont for ongoing rehab.

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: Margene Paarlberg, 100 Jones Drive, Room #248, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Offering: \$5,279.68

Gift & Memorial for Howard & Betty DeYoung: \$5,000.00

Total Giving: **\$10,279.68** (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$337.62

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$129,200.12

ON DUTY FOR JUNE...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CONGRATULATIONS IS EXTENDED to the Bolkema family (Anthony, Kim, Lucas, Nolan, & Brycen) on the adoption of Daniela on Wednesday, May 28. We join the Bolkema family in officially welcoming Daniela Bolkema as a forever daughter and sister and look forward to welcoming her as a baptized member soon!

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! Every year, there are four months that have 5 Sundays (in 2025, those are March 30, June 29, August 31, and November 30). This year, we're holding church meals on those Sundays following the worship service: sign up at the Welcome Center(s) to join us on June 29! More details will follow...you won't want to miss it!

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL & DAY CARE GRADUATION is scheduled for **Friday, June 6**, at 4:00pm 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.

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).

PLEASE REMEMBER to empty your mail slot located downstairs at the base of the stairs.

REMINDERS....

BE SURE TO VISIT THE WELCOME CENTERS to sign up for church events and sign cards for our shut-ins!

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...

“Organic Evangelism: Connect!”

Colossians 2:1-7

Pastor Jim Oord



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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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
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.