

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Today is the Feast of Pentecost. 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection, his followers gathered in an upper room and received the Holy Spirit, symbolized by tongues of fire and a sudden gust of wind. This marked the arrival of the Comforter and Advocate Christ promised.

The Holy Spirit equipped the disciples to spread the good news of Jesus to people of every tribe, tongue, and nation that day. And the same Spirit continues to work today to do the same things! Pentecost is a day we celebrate the gift of the Spirit given to followers of Jesus as we see the Kingdom spreading, bringing blessing as far as the curse is found.

It's that same Holy Spirit who brought you to worship with us today and we're glad you're here! Let's celebrate together!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"O For a Thousand Tongues"
"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"
"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

*Opening Song of Worship

"Come Rest On Us"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Sing Praise to the Father"
"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Message

"Night-Night, Daddy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Elder Don DeGraff

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Organ Postlude

"Spirit Song"

*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...

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Don & Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Nikki Nyhanna, and Lisa Triemstra
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Jeremiah Green
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nyla DeGraff
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Don & Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Kathy Rhodes, and Katie Sikkema
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

MONDAY, JUNE 9

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal
7:30PM: Strategic Plan Committee meeting in the Heritage Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9:00-11:00AM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 – FATHER’S DAY

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Barry Voss and Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Pastor Jim Oord
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Rodger & Sherry Norris
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Raylene Oord, and Alison VanderWoude
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

CARE...

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.
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: Dorothy VanVuren, 1039 Sterling Ct., Crown Point, IN 46307

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Offering: \$15,083.38
Total Giving: \$15,083.38
(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)
Reach 175: \$386.38
UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$129,586.50

ON DUTY FOR JUNE...

First Security: Rich Thornton
First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! Every year, there are four months that have 5 Sundays, our next one is June 29. Please sign up at the Welcome Center(s) to join us on Sunday, June 29! More details will follow...you won't want to miss it!

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).

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!

OASIS SUMMER EVENTS: Our next event will be **Saturday, June 21** at Exodus Projects Service Project in Chicago Heights. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please email Anthony at anthony@frcsh.org.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH & THE EXODUS PROJECTS: Mark your calendars for July 23 at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood. Shotgun start at 9:00am. Join us as we host our third charity golf tournament (register @ www.theexodusprojects.org/golf).

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 slots.

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!

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.

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.

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 an afternoon of live music, family fun, local vendors, and community spirit as we honor the rich history, culture, and freedom of African Americans. It's a day of celebration you won't want to miss!

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION on **Friday, July 4** in Veterans Park/500 E. 160th Place. Family Fun Fest runs from noon-4:00pm. Enjoy carnival games, bounce houses, pony rides, live music, and more. While food is available for purchase, all activities are free and open to the public! Fireworks Celebration: gates open at 6:00pm. Fireworks begin after dusk. Our popular fireworks show is still free for South Holland residents with proof of residency. Non-residents will need to purchase a ticket. \$8 in advance / \$10 at the gate (kids 5 and under free). Due to large crowds in recent years, this new policy ensures a safer and more enjoyable experience for all.

Get ready for a day full of fun, fireworks, and festivities!

SERMON NOTES...

Matthew 11:28-30
“Night-Night, Daddy”
Pastor Corey Buchanan



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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
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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.