

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Second Sunday of Pentecost, June 22, 2025



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Life can be confusing, overwhelming, and sometimes scary.
But you don't have to face it alone:
God's Word offers wisdom,
The Holy Spirit offers presence,
and the Church offers community.

For 175+ years, First Reformed Church has been gathering every week for worship, for fellowship, and for equipping. Whatever your struggle, whatever your song, whatever your burden, this is the right place to be today!

We're glad you're with us as we enter a new week together with the gracious forgiveness, warm welcome, and courageous hope we receive from Jesus.

SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 22, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Rejoice the Lord is King"
"Be, Thou My Vision"
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Jim Oord

*Congregational Worship

"Great Is He"
"In Christ Alone"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Before the Throne"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:16-3:4

Message

"Organic Evangelism: For Christ's Sake, Be Normal (and Peculiar)"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Elder Russ Paarlberg

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jim Oord

*Sending in Grace

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Organ Postlude

"O That Will Be Glory"

*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, JUNE 22

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Dennis and Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Austin Parks, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, and Abby Veldboom
PROJECTION: Keith Flowers
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Anthony Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Dennis & Deb Woltzen
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Amber Fransen, Felicia Flowers, and Grace Jacobsma
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

MONDAY, JUNE 23

7:00PM: Music Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

4:00PM-6:00PM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Clint Verhagen Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Clint & Merley Verhagen and Rick & Amy Veldboom
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diane Abernathy, Merley Verhagen, and Cindy Paarlberg
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

CARE...

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

Ruth DeBoer has been released from the hospital and is back at Hartsfield Village, Room #135.

Jean Spiekhout is out of rehab and back in her room at Hartsfield Village, Room #1107

Sharon Dinkel has been transferred to Burgess Square Health Care and Rehab Centre in Westmont for ongoing rehab.

Craig Nelson is scheduled for heart surgery this Friday, June 27, at Mayo Clinic.

Jan Nelson is home recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

Pray for **Christopher Nelson** as his cancer has returned and options for further treatment are being explored.

Phil Capone continues his physical therapy for his neck injury.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, #63A, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

Romans 8:26-27: *“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”*

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Total Giving: \$3,712.56 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$172.92

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$130,226.01

ON DUTY FOR JUNE...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP - after church on **Sunday, June 29**, come downstairs for coffee and a brief "Farewell" to Pastor Jim, Raylene, Aniyah, and Michael. Then, at 11:20am, we're going to head to the front lawn for brats and fellowship! Bring some lawn chairs, summer lawn games, and your appetite! Dress accordingly for some summer fun! Sign up for the lunch at the Welcome Centers!

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!

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH & THE EXODUS PROJECTS: Mark your calendars for July 23 at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood. Shotgun starts 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 and sign cards for our shut-ins. Please also 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.

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...

“Organic Evangelism: For Christ’s Sake, Be Normal (and Peculiar)”
Colossians 2:16-3:4
Pastor Jim Oord



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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Senior Pastor

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Anthony Bolkema
Pastor of Worship & Ministry

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengood
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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.