

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Installation Sunday, July 13, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Installation Service, July 13, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

"Psalm 133"

"Amazing Grace"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Dr. Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

"Cornerstone"

"His Glory & My Good"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:7-16

Message

"What Makes a Great Church?"

Pastor Cal Aardsma

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Installation of Elders and Deacons

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Cal Aardsma

*Sending in Grace

"The Blessing"

*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, JULY 13

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Steve and Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg,

Lisa Triemstra, Abby Veldboom, Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Roger & Judy Gill and Larry & Avery DeYoung

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Mary Koster, and Sara Jabaay

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

MONDAY, JULY 14

7:00PM: 3rd Quarter Consistory Meeting in the Genesis Room (Elders/Deacons to follow)

SUNDAY, JULY 20

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Jim and Bonnie DeGroot

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, and Grant Sikkema

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

COFFEE SERVERS: Roger & Laurel DeGraff, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gail Housman, Nancy DeVries, and Mary Koster

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

CARE...

Eric Pradelski needs prayer as he goes through side effects from new medication,

Margene Paarlberg has been diagnosed with skin cancer and is receiving hospice care.

Harriet DeYoung is receiving hospice care at Elevate Health Care, Room #108 in South Holland.

Clifton Rhodes continues his physical therapy. Please pray for complete healing.

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

Craig Nelson is home recovering from surgery he had Friday, June 27, at Mayo Clinic.

Jan Nelson is home recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

Sheena DeYoung is recovering from foot and ankle surgery she had on Thursday, July 10 at Methodist Hospital in Merrillville.

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: Wayne Deinema, Park Place of St. John, Room #3307, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Total Giving: \$37,370.61 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$5,168.13

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$136,193.71

ON DUTY FOR JULY...

First Security: Mike Costello

First Emergency: Trina Taylor

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT this morning Pastor Cal Aardsma, a retired CRC minister and the Stated Clerk of Classis Chicago South.

THANK YOU to the congregation for the many cards, phone calls, and acts of kindness during our families' surgeries and rehab sessions. We could feel your love for us during this difficult time. Please keep us in your prayers as we have upcoming surgeries.

- Jan and Craig Nelson

THIS MORNING we join together in affirming the call that God has placed on the following individuals: Elders: Anthony Bolkema, Jim Bosman, and Corey Buchanan. Deacons: Randy DeBok, Ray Housman, and Eric Pradelski.

REMINDER: The 3rd Quarterly Consistory meeting will be held this **Monday, July 14** at 7:00pm in the Genesis Room. We apologize for the confusion with printed material with the incorrect date.

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. Stay tuned... maybe you'll be interviewed next!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE! Please consider blessing First Church's fellowship time by joining our Cookie Committee. We have openings on our schedule for those who love to bake or buy cookies. Be a part of this gift of hospitality! Thank you! Please call or text Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 or Nancy DeVries at 708-921-7970.

CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. We are in need of more volunteers to help with setup, serving our clients while the closet is open and cleanup. The clothing closet is open on the 2nd Saturdays of each month from 9am-11am, and the 4th Thursdays from 4pm-6pm, as well as approximately 30-45 minutes before and after those time slots for setup and cleanup. If you are interested in helping serve our community in this way, please contact Pastor Anthony.

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).

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH & THE EXODUS PROJECTS: Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, 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.

SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Cal Aardsma

Ephesians 4:7-16

“What Makes a Great Church?”

Introduction:

Christ’s Church: He will do it

Christ is the Head of the Church...

...therefore put Christ first.

Confidence

Christ’s Body: We Must Do Our Part

We are not excused

We are a gifted body

Christ’s Manner: Do it in Love



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SECRETARIES’ OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

Dr. Anthony Bolkema
Interim Executive Pastor

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Pastor Corey Buchanan
Associate Pastor

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

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.