

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sunday, July 20, 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 20, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"All Hail the Power"

"Trilogy on the Shepherd's Psalm"

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)"

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"His Glory & My Good"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:12-30

Message

"Advancing the Gospel – Living with Purpose and Courage"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Larry DeYoung

"The Lord's Prayer"

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Jewel Willis Thomas

*Sending in Grace

"The Blessing"

*Organ Postlude

"A Tune for the Trumpet"

*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 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: Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

MONDAY, JULY 21

7:00PM: Music Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, JULY 22

10:00AM: 1ST Impressions meeting in the Heritage Room

10:00AM: CPO Graduation in the Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 24

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

SUNDAY, JULY 27

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Veldboom Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Mary Bosman and Trina Taylor

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Joanne Hoeksema, and Gerri VanBaren

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Corey Buchanan

CARE...

Evelyn Schreiber has had shingles since April, and it has affected her eyesight. She is scheduled for an MRI next week.

Eric Pradelski needs prayer as he goes through side effects from new medication, and while he is on a medical leave of absence from his job.

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

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

Sharon Dinkel will permanently be at 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 at home.

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: Anne Koval, 713 East 156th Place, South Holland, Illinois 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Total Giving: \$**7,452.65**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$261.38

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$136,455.09

ON DUTY FOR JULY...

First Security: Mike Costello

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT this morning Pastor Jewel Willis Thomas, a minister in the RCA. She lives in South Holland and worships at Christ Community Church in Lemont, IL. Pastor Jewel is a part-time Chaplain at Elim Christian Services in Palos Heights. She is also the Stated Clerk of the Chicago Classes and the Regional Synod of Mid-America.

OUR REACH CAMPAIGN continues to move forward! As of Sunday, July 6, we have raised \$116,323.58 of our \$175,000.00 goal. We currently have a positive fund balance of \$36,849.53 as we discern our immediate next steps for our campaign project list. We are still looking to raise \$38,676.42 by the end of the campaign. We appreciate your generous support to the kingdom ministry and mission of First 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. Stay tuned... maybe you'll be interviewed next!

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: This **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).

OASIS SUMMER EVENTS: On **Friday, July 25** from 9:00am – 5:00pm, Anthony and Kim Bolkema will be taking a group of OASIS students to Deep River Waterpark. Our next event will be 'Day at the Dunes' on Saturday, August 16. Please email Anthony at anthony@frcsh.org with questions.

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 clean up. The clothing closet is open on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am-11am, and the 4th Thursday 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.

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...

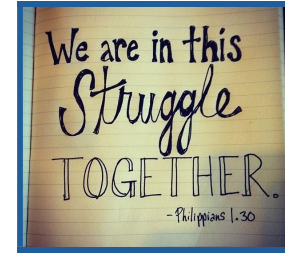
SOUTH HOLLAND MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION hosts monthly **One Hour of Power** meetings. This is a gathered time of prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. The men's session is every 2nd Tuesday from 12-1pm at the Heritage House. The women's session is every 2nd Tuesday from 6-7pm at the South Holland Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Jewel Willis Thomas

Philippians 1:12-30

“Advancing the Gospel – Living with Purpose and Courage”



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

Dr. Anthony Bolkema
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Pastor Corey Buchanan
Associate Pastor

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed
Pastor of Care & Visitation

Nyla DeGraff
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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.