

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, August 3, 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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
August 3, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"
"Joy Cometh in the Morning"
"The Joy of the Lord"
"There is Sunshine in My Soul"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Let All Things Now Living"
"O Worship the King"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Acts 22:1-23:11

Message

Pastor Anthony Buck

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Rick Veldboom

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Anthony Buck

*Sending in Grace

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

*Organ Postlude

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

*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, AUGUST 3

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Larry DeYoung

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Anthony Bolkema

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

COFFEE SERVERS: Gerri VanBaren and Rick & Amy Veldboom

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Nancy DeVries, and Nikki Nyhanna

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim Bosman

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:45PM: Strategic Planning Committee meets in the Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER: Wooley Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Jeffrey Fransen, Joe Fransen, Peter & Julia Keep, and Bill Nyhanna,

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Nancy DeVries, and Katie Sikkema

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

CARE...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Viola VanDam!** She will turn 105 years young on Wednesday, August 13! Cards can be sent to her at Providence Downers Grove, 3450 Saratoga Avenue, Room #63A, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Nancy Asmus is recovering from her outpatient surgery on Wednesday, July 30.

Evelyn Schreiber continues her recovery from shingles since April, and it has affected her eyesight.

Eric Pradelski needs prayer as he goes through side effects from new medication, and he is now 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.

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: Harriet DeYoung, Room 108, Elevate Health Care, 16300 Wausau Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Total Giving: **\$9,607.61**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$686.38

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$137,262.06

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following the morning service on August 24. The purpose of the meeting is to approve changes to our bylaws as a part of the process of dual affiliation, to provide a congregational update on the Now2Next Strategic Plan, and other matters which may come before the meeting.

SAVE THE DATE! Our annual church picnic is on **Sunday, September 7**, starting at 11:00am in the Activity Center and church yard. This will be fun for all ages!

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!

PLEASE JOIN US AS the First Church Ladies' Bible Study begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 23**, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a Kickoff Brunch, handing out the new study guides and watching the first video of our study. This year, our DVD study will be by Melissa Spoelstra. It is entitled, "The Gospel of John: Savoring the Peace of Jesus in a Chaotic World." We will join Melissa as she teaches that in the book of John, and we are to look at the pace of Jesus's life and ministry and realize we need to slow down and enjoy His presence. The cost of the study guide is \$24.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). If you are an Amazon Prime member you may order your own study guide. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Tuesday, September 9 if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. Hope you can attend!

OASIS SUMMER EVENTS: On **Saturday, August 16**, Anthony and Kim Bolkema and Steve and Alison VanderWoude will be taking a group of OASIS students for a 'Day at the Dunes'. Please email Anthony at anthony@frcsh.org with questions.

COOKIE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS: Please check your mailbox for the September-December Cookie Duty schedule. Thank you for your commitment to this vital ministry at First Church.

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.

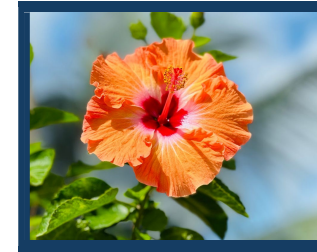
PLEASE KEEP THE PARKING AREA that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!

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.

SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Anthony Buck

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).



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

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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.