

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
Sunday, August 31, 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.

TWELTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
August 31, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*  
*"Through the Storm"*  
*"The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"*

\*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

\*Congregational Worship

*"God of Creation, All-Powerful"*  
*"God is So Good To Me"*

Prayer of Confession

*"Trisagion"*

Song of Assurance

*"His Mercy Is More"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Luke 8:40-56

Message

*"Waiting on God"*  
Pastor Dave Veldhorst

Song of Response

*"Through It All"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Elder Jim DeGroot

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Dave Veldhorst

\*Sending in Grace

*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Victory In Jesus"*

\*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 31

**GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER:** Barry Voss and Larry DeYoung

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Anthony Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**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:** Diana Abernathy, Nancy DeVries, and Kathy Rhodes

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Joanne Hoeksema

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – LABOR DAY

Church Office and Family Life Christian Day Care will be closed

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – COMMUNION

**GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER:** Dennis & Deb Woltzen

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

**PROJECTION:** Felecia Flowers

**VIDEO:** Mike Decker

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Jim & Bonne DeGroot

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gwen Adams, Pam Costello, and Mykah Lett

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim DeGroot

**CHURCH PIG-NIC:** 11:15AM in the Activity Center

## CARE...

Eric Pradelski has returned home from the hospital.

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

Please pray for **Debbie Garretto** who hurt her eye in a fall and will need surgery.

**Sharon Dinkel** will permanently be at Burgess Square Health Care and Rehab Centre in Westmont for ongoing rehab.

Pray for **Christopher Nelson** as his cancer has returned and further treatment is no longer an option.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John, #1212, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

**CONTINUE TO PRAY** for those battling cancer, going through treatments, facing side effects, or caring for a loved one with cancer and for those giving care to parents, spouses, siblings, children, and/or friends who are struggling.

**Philippians 4:6-7** (NIV) reads, *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".*

## ON DUTY FOR AUGUST...

**First Security:** Barry Voss

**First Emergency:** Alison VanderWoude

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**PAARLBERG FARM HERITAGE FEST** on **Monday, September 1**, from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Paarlberg Park (17234 Paxton Ave., SH). The South Holland Historical Society invites you to Heritage Fest, the annual celebration of local history and tradition. Spend the day exploring handcrafted goods from crafters and wood carvers, sampling traditional Dutch favorites, and enjoying live performances by the South Holland Municipal Band and Master Chorale.

## *CHURCH LIFE...*

**WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT** Pastor Dave Veldhorst. Pastor Dave, and his wife Jan, have 5 adult children and 5 grandkids. The Veldhorst's have served overseas doing church planting in Japan and Thailand for 15 years before taking a call to an established OPC church in Oostburg, Wisconsin. Dave also teaches full time at Sheboygan Christian School mainly teaching junior and senior Bible classes.

**THE PRAYER AND CARE COMMITTEE** will meet immediately after the morning worship service next **Sunday, September 7**. This will be an informative meeting and the visitation schedules for the months of September and October will be handed out. We will conclude in time for the church picnic. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Koster or Judy Gill.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** Every now and then our Outreach Team will need the assistance of someone to take a picture of a church activity. If you feel the call to this important ministry, please see or call Jim DeGroot at 708-951-5634 for details.

**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PIG-NIC** is next **Sunday, September 7**, starting at 11:15am (so you can all enjoy cookies and coffee beforehand). BBQ pulled pork will be served in the Activity Center and our church yard will be available for games! We are asking all families to bring a sensational salad or side dish to share (serving spoons provided). Drinks and desserts will be provided. This will be fun for all ages! Be sure to sign up at the Welcome Centers!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** On **Sunday, September 21**, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:10am. Class information to follow.

**THE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT** at church on **Friday, September 12** is going to be rescheduled for a later date.

**CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Chairman, Rodger Norris.

**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.

**EACH YEAR BIBLE LEAGUE VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS** share a special fundraising letter. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage children and youth in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter in your church's mailbox, and as you read it sincerely pray for God's Word to change lives. Contributions you provide will supply Bibles and materials.

- Judy Gill and Becky Wright

**PLEASE JOIN US AS** the First Church Ladies' Bible Study begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 23**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. 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!

**ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL** is **Saturday, September 27** at Elim Christian School in Crestwood, IL. A day of fun, friends, and fantastic Dutch food and treats. Please join us. We need your help to make this day a success in supporting the ministry of children and adults with disabilities. We will need bake goods, craft items, and volunteers to work that day of the festival. If you are willing to help, please contact Lynn Hoeksema or Judy Gill.

## *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 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...***

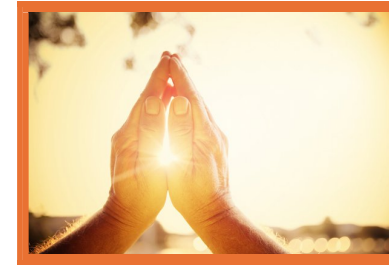
Luke 8:40-56  
"Waiting on God"  
Pastor Dave Veldhorst

1. The suffering we face

2. The waiting faith requires

3. The glorious healing provided

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**

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### ***STAFF...***

**Anthony Bolkema**  
*Interim Executive Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Toni Smith**  
*Director of Family Life*  
*Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting [get.theapp.co/1779](http://get.theapp.co/1779).



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.