

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**  
Communion Sunday, September 7, 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.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**  
September 7, 2025

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Organ Prelude

*"There's A Spirit in the Air"*  
*Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus"*  
*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

\*Opening Song of Worship

*"Rest On Us"*

\*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

\*Congregational Worship

*"Sing Praise to the Father"*  
*"Let It Rise"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Message

*"The Power Source for Something Big"*  
Pastor Dave Izenbart

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Roger DeGraff

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Dave Izenbart

\*Sending in Grace

*"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My 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, SEPTEMBER 7 – COMMUNION

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

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

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers

**VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

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

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

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Roger DeGraff

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**5:00PM:** Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

**6:00PM:** Vision Team w/standing committee chairpersons meet in the Genesis Room

**6:45PM:** Brief Consistory meeting in the Genesis Room followed by Elders/Deacons

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**7:30AM:** Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**GREETERS:** Tibstra House: Bob Brink, Erin Julien, Krysta Rietveld, and Cher Tom

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Jeffery Fransen, Joe Fransen, Lisa Triemstra, and Liam VanderWoude

**PROJECTION:** Jonathan VanderWoude

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Tim & Megan DeYoung and Larry & Avery DeYoung

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Rhonda DeBok, Cindy Paarlberg, and Deb Woltzen

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim DeGroot

## CARE...

**Dorothy Jacobsma** has been admitted to Franciscan 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.

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

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Dr., Olympia Fields, IL 60461

**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.

**Malachi 3:10** (NIV) reads, *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. “Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”*

## 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.

## ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER...

**First Security:** Rich Thornton

**First Emergency:** Tiffany Buchanan

## CHURCH LIFE...

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT** Pastor Dave Izenbart who served for 28 years as a pastor at Living Springs Community Church and now serves as the movement leader of the Kingdom Network - a new Denomi-network in the Reformed Tradition, and serves as a Pastor of Discipleship at Faith Church in Dyer, In. He loves Jesus, the local church, when the Kingdom of Heaven breaks into this world, and is passionate about breaking down walls, making disciples, and impacting communities with the good news of Jesus. Dave also loves his family, traveling to beautiful places outside suburbia, hiking, mountain biking, skiing, lifting heavy objects, bungee jumping, and anything else that seems foolish and age inappropriate.

**THANK YOU** for all your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my transition to Burgess Square Health Care and Rehab Center in Westmont. George and I have definitely felt the love of our First Church family. – Sharon Dinkel

**I APPRECIATE** your texts, calls, prayers, or any way you chose to reach out to me during my time of healing. All of you are part of the thickly woven support system that God has placed in my life. Brace yourself, Eric 2.0 is nearly ready to launch. Ready yourself. – Eric Pradelski

**THE PRAYER AND CARE COMMITTEE** will meet immediately after the morning worship service today, **Sunday, September 7** in the Genesis Room. 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.

**NEW BOOK ADDED TO CHURCH LIBRARY.** *Sacred Spaces* by Charles M. Brand. It covers the architectural designs of Herbert A. Brand who was the architect of our current church building. This book was written by Herbert's grandson and includes pictures of our church and other churches of the Brand style. Great read per Jim DeGroot.

**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PIG-NIC** is today **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!

**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. Please join us for a day of fun, friends, and fantastic Dutch food and treats. We need your help to make this day a success in supporting the ministry of children and adults with disabilities. We will need baked 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.

### ***SERMON NOTES...***

Acts 19:1-7

“The Power Soource for Something Big”

Pastor Dave Izenbart

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*

**Nyla DeGraff**

*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**

*Administrative Assistant*

**Darcy Daly**

*Nursery Coordinator*

**Steve Alexander**

*Church Custodian*

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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.