

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, September 14, 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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
Sunday, September 14, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible"
"Abide With Me"
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Praise the Lord, O Heavens, Adore Him"
"Bless the Lord"
"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Psalm 62"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 31:9-13

Message

"The Start of Something Big"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Joanne Hoeksema

Offering

Moment for Missions: Talking Bibles

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

*Organ Postlude

"Be Strong in the Lord"

*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 14

GREETERS: Tibstra House: Alan Bartels, Bob Brink, Dan Bultema, and Erin Julien
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: Sara Jabbay 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

GREETERS: The Verhagen Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, and Grant Sikkema
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Roger & Laurel DeGraff, Gwen Adams, and Faye Gowens
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Mary Koster, and Gerri VanBaren
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff
OASIS: Meets tonight at 6:30pm in the Activity Center and Loft

CARE...

Roger DeGraff is home recovering from successful hip replacement surgery he had this past Wednesday.

Dorothy Jacobsma has been moved to Palos Hospital with a severe staff infection.

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

Please pray for **Debbie Garretto** as she is recovering from eye surgery.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Ruth DeBoer, Hartsfield Village #135, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

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.”*

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, September 7

Total Giving: **\$9,557.55**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$146.89

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$139,220.75

ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER...

First Security: Rich Thornton

First Emergency: Tiffany Buchanan

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Darcy Daly (our nursery coordinator) whose fifty-year-old uncle, Michael Tobias, passed away suddenly last weekend. Visitation is today from 3:00-8:00pm at Cooney Funeral Home in Park Ridge. The funeral will be held on Monday, September 15 at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge at 10:00am.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Next Sunday, September 21, we will begin another year of Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am. Class information to follow.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' BIBLE STUDY BRUNCH KICKOFF is on Tuesday, September 23, at 9:30am (please note the time change) in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a time of food, fun, and fellowship as we begin our study of the book of John. If you requested a study guide to be ordered it is in your church mailbox. Hope to see you at the kickoff!

MAILSLOTS have been re-alphabetized. Please remember your mail is above your name!



WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2025 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE? Beginning on Sunday, September 21, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect 1000 boxes! These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. Please call the church office with any questions. Your donations can be dropped off in the narthex at our Welcome Center, or at the blue table in the Fellowship Hall.

TRUNK N' TREAT is Friday, October 31, from 5:00 - 6:30pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trick N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy (ran out last year) to make this fun event possible. Let's make 2025 our biggest turnout for First Church! There will be a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall next week, or you can leave your candy at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. We also need you to volunteer your decorated car trunk. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets again on Sunday, September 21, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft and Activity Center. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please email Anthony at anthony@frch.org.

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.

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...

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

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...

Deuteronomy 31:9-13

“The Start of Something Big”

Pastor Corey Buchanan and Pastor Anthony Bolkema

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...

Dr. Anthony Bolkema
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Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

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"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting 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.