

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

“In the beginning, God....”

Amidst our world’s chaos and confusion, through our lives’ struggles and strife, these are the words where Christians begin to hang their hope. These first words of the Bible remind us that before all else, God was – that our God spoke chaos into order; that our God spoke everything into being.

And we believe that our God is still speaking today, breathing words of life to us through His Word, calling us home through Jesus, and encouraging us through the power of the Holy Spirit. As you prepare for worship, ask God to open Your heart to hear Him speak today.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*“All Creatures of Our God and King”
“For the Beauty of the Earth”
“Psalm 8”*

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

*“This Is My Father’s World”
“Glory to God Forever”*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

“My God Is All I Need”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:4-25

Message

“It’s Personal”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Congregational Prayer

Judy Gill

Offering

“And Can It Be”

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Organ Postlude

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

*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...

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

GREETERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

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

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

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

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

COFFEE SERVERS: Charlie & Erma Dix, and Mary Koster

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff

6:30PM: OASIS meets tonight in the Loft

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00PM: Faith Committee meets in the Heritage Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

GREETERS: Veldboom Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, and Bella VanderWoude

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Judy Gill, and Katie Sikkema

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

CARE...

Phil Capone is waiting for test results from a recent ultrasound.

Wayne Deinema fell at Park Place. He did not sustain any injuries from the fall, but he did elect to be admitted to rehab at Cedar Creek in Lowell.

Anna Mae Groeneveld has been transferred to Lightways in Joliet, IL.

Clifton Rhodes continues his physical therapy.

Don and Noreen VanDeursen's nephew, Eric Hettinga (43 yrs old), had a severe heart attack and is now out of the ICU. His condition is improving.

Sharon Brooks' mom, Paula Amos had a mass removed from her bladder and is waiting for biopsy results. She is at UI Health in Chicago. Sharon's aunt, Ginger Scott, continues on a ventilator and is going to start dialysis. Pray for improvement in her condition.

Debbie Garretto is recovering at home from eye surgery.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Jean Spiekhout, Hartsfield Village, Room #135, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

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 OCTOBER...

First Security: Mike Costello

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR SINCERE THANK YOU to those who helped make the Elim Dutch Festival a huge success this year. We were blessed with the best year we have ever had. To those who volunteered that day, made craft items, delicious baked goods, or sponsorship donations, all were greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for this ministry of supporting children and adults with disabilities. Again, our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Lynn Hoeksema and Judy Gill

NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT FRC! Calling all ladies and gentlemen who have a desire for starting two new Bible study groups. There will be an informative meeting today after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. So – grab a couple of cookies and your beverage and listen to plans for this fantastic opportunity to get into God’s Word!

TRUNK N’ TREAT is **Friday, October 31**, from 5:00 - 6:30pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will once 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 (we ran out last year) to make this fun event possible. Let’s make 2025 our biggest turnout for First Church! There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can leave your candy at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. We also need you to volunteer your ‘decorated’ or ‘undecorated’ car trunk. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers in the narthex or in the Fellowship Hall.



2025 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE

We are 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 Centers.

CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. If you would like to volunteer to help with the setup, serving our clients while the closet is open, and clean up, please contact Anthony Bolkema. 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.

THE FIVE SOLA BANNERS (five foundational principles of the Protestant Reformation) are now permanently available for viewing in our Chapel.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues for all ages from 11:00am - noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

PreK-5th Grade gather to sing, work on memory verses, and collect an offering in the Genesis Room from 11:00-11:30am, then move to their classrooms until noon.

- PreK–2nd Grade meet in the Genesis Room
- 3rd–5th Grade meet in the Library
- 6th–8th Grade meet in the Heritage Room
- 9th–12th Grade meet in the Loft

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets tonight, **Sunday, October 5**, 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 contact Anthony.

THE LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, October 14**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. Please complete the assignment for Session 2, “Peace In the Plan of Jesus”, study guide pgs. 12-37. We will discuss this material when we meet again. Hope to see you there!

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.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. A series of "Getting to Know You" slides allows our church family to meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. Maybe you'll be interviewed next!

THE SOUTH HOLLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT will host the 29th annual *Parade of Lights* this **Tuesday, October 7**, at 6:30pm. A short service will be held at Thorn Creek Reformed Church, after which the vehicles will travel through South Holland and conclude at the Thornton Fire Department. Fire and rescue vehicles will conduct a "lights only" parade to honor those who have experienced a fire, loss of life, or fire-related injuries. Residents are invited to stand along the route with candles and lights.

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 2:4-25
"It's Personal"
Pastor Corey Buchanan

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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more information about the life of First Church,
make sure to include your email address.