

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost, October 12, 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.

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, October 12, 2025

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”  
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  
“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”*

\*Opening Song of Worship

*“Come, Ye Sinners”*

\*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

\*Congregational Worship

*“Come, Let Us Praise the Lord”  
“Glorify Your Name”*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*“Jesus Paid It All”*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1-7

Message

*“Naked & Ashamed”*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Mary Koster

Offering

Moment for Missions: Exodus Projects

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Sending in Grace

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

\*Organ Postlude

*“There Is a Redeemer”*

\*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, 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:** Anthony Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Rodger & Sherry Norris and Gerri VanBaren

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

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Russ Paarlberg

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

**9:30AM:** Piece makers meet in the Fellowship Hall

**6:00PM:** Missions Team meets in the Heritage Room

**6:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**7:00PM:** 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Consistory meeting in the GR followed by Elders & Deacons

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

**8:15AM:** Vision Team meets in the Heritage Room

**9:30AM:** Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

**10:00AM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Impressions meets in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Daycare Board meeting in the Heritage Room

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

**GREETERS:** Sikkema Family

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Jeffrey Fransen, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Liam VanderWoude

**PROJECTION:** Jonathan VanderWoude

**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Don & Nyla DeGraff

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Kathy Rhodes, Alison VanderWoude, and Mary Bosman

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim Bosman

## CARE...

**Phil Capone** will be having a stress test on Wednesday, October 15.

**Eric Pradelski** is still struggling with changes due to his medication.

**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 returned home in hospice care.

**Clifton Rhodes** continues his physical therapy.

**Don and Noreen VanDeursen's** nephew, Eric Hettinga, has been able to return home and is doing well.

**Sharon Brooks'** mom, Paula Amos had a mass removed from her bladder and is still waiting for biopsy results. She is at UI Health in Chicago. Sharon's aunt, Ginger Scott, had a tracheotomy and continues on a ventilator. 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:** Myrna Eytcheson, Clarendale Six Corners, 4715 W. Irving Road, Chicago, IL 60691

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...*

**THANK YOU** to First Church members for praying for our nephew, Eric Hettinga, who has been able to return home and is doing well. – Don & Noreen VanDeursen

**NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT FRC!** All ladies are invited to join a new evening Ladies Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month beginning **Wednesday, October 22** at 6:30pm at FRCSH in the Genesis Room. All are welcome to attend!

**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.



**WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 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, or 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9am-11am, and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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–2<sup>nd</sup> Grade meet in the Genesis Room
- 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Library
- 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Heritage Room
- 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Loft

**THE LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY** will meet this **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!

**OASIS** (Junior & Senior High Students) meets on **Sunday, October 19**, from 3:00-4:30pm on church grounds for their Fall Fest. If you are or know of a student in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please contact 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.

**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!

**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...***

Genesis 3:1-7  
“Naked & Ashamed”  
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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**Dr. Anthony Bolkema**  
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**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Jane Ackerman**  
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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.