

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost, October 19, 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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, October 19, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*“Since By Man Came Death”
“Psalm 130”
“The Love of God”
“We Bow Down”*

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“Our Great Savior”*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

“His Glory & My Good”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:8-24

Message

“Grace Covers Us”

Song of Response

“Eden is Open”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Offering

Ministry Update: FRC Financials

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*Organ Postlude

Joanne Hoeksema

*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 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00PM: Worship Committee in the Heritage Room

6:00PM: F-PEC meets in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00AM: 1ST Impressions meets in the Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

4:00-6:00PM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

GREETERS: Wooley Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, Abby Veldboom, Ben Wooley, and Robert Wooley

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

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

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Dennis & Deb Woltzen

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Becky Wright

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

CARE...

Phil Capone had a stress test this past week.

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.

Sharon Brooks' mom, Paula Amos, has stage 1 bladder cancer and will start chemo. She is at UI Health in Chicago. Sharon's aunt, Ginger Scott, continues on a ventilator and will be transferring to another facility.

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: Sharon Dinkel, 10300 Village Circle Drive, Unit 1314, Palos Park, IL 60464

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...

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 FRC5H in the Genesis Room. All are welcome to attend!

WE NEED MORE TRUNKS! 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 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

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES A.M. BIBLE STUDY will meet once again on **Tuesday, October 28**, at 9:30 am in The Genesis Room. We will watch the video, “Savoring Peace in The Plan of Jesus” and fill in p. 38 in our study guide. Hope to see you there!

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets today, **Sunday, October 19**, from 3:00-4:30pm on church grounds for their Fall Fest. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th 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 3:8-24
“Grace Covers Us”
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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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.