

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
Reformation Sunday, October 26, 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.

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**  
Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Organ Prelude

*“Built on the Rock”*

*“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

*“Ancient Words”*

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

*“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

*“Christ Our Hope in Life & Death”*

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*“I Will Wait For You”*

Prayer of Confession

Song of Assurance

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

Message

*“When Hope Wins”*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer

Nikki Nyhanna

Offering

*“Rock of Ages”*

\*Doxology

Pastor Mark Prestriedge

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

\*Benediction

*“For All the Saints”*

\*Sending in Grace

\*Organ Postlude

\*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...

### REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

**GREETERS:** Sikkema Family

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, Abby

Veldboom, Ben Wooley, and Robert Wooley

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

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

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Don & Noreen VanDeursen

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

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Joanne Hoeksema

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:00PM-6:30PM: Trunk & Treat in the front of church



Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday, November 1!

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**GREETERS:** Rodger Norris and Gerri VanBaren

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

Paarlberg

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

**PROJECTION:** Liam VanderWoude

**VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Rick & Amy Veldboom and Clint & Merley Verhagen

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gwen Adams, Deb Woltzen, and Ellen Nelson

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Clint Verhagen

## CARE...

**Phil Capone** had an angiogram on Friday and is waiting for results.

**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, has been taken off the ventilator and has been transferred to Rush Specialty Hospital for rehab.

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

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Shirley VanDeursen, Park Place of St. John, Room #106, 10820 Park Place, St. John, IN 46372

## OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, October 19

Total: **\$9,010.07**

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$1,433.19

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$142,788.65

## ON DUTY FOR OCTOBER...

**First Security:** Mike Costello

**First Emergency:** Alison VanderWoude

**WE WELCOME TO OUR TEAM** on First Emergency Jessica DeBok and to our First Security Steve VanderWoude and Dennis Woltzen. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

## CHURCH LIFE...

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING** Pastor Mark Prestriedge. He has been a pastor in our region for over 40 years, including nearly 25 years as lead Pastor of Crete Church and 7 years as a staff Pastor at Living Springs Community Church (formerly Homewood Reformed). He is currently serving as Chaplain for Providence Life Services at Park Place of St. John in Indiana.

**THANK YOU** for your generous contributions to The Bible League to help spread the Word of God to children and youth. Continue to pray with us for the provision of God's Word to a lost and needy world. - Blessings! Becky Wright and Judy Gill

**WE NEED MORE TRUNKS!** Trunk n' Treat is this **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. 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.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE STUFFING** brought in so far for our 2025 Thanksgiving stuffing challenge! **Sunday, November 9** is our deadline. So far we have collected **301**. Let's meet our goal of **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.

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S** Fall Auction begins Thursday, Nov. 13 at 9:00am and ends Saturday, Nov. 15. Discover a variety of items in various price ranges. Find this online auction at [www.32auctions.com/calvinchristianschool](http://www.32auctions.com/calvinchristianschool).

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** today. It will continue next Sunday, November 2, for all ages from 11:00am - noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

**THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES AM BIBLE STUDY** will meet once again on **Tuesday, October 28**, at 9:30am 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!

### 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 on **Wednesday, November 12** at 6:30pm in the Genesis Room. All are welcome to attend! Contact Joanne Hoeksema or Alison VanderWoude if you are interested.
- ❖ Men's Bible study. All men are invited to join a new evening Men's Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month beginning **Wednesday, November 12** at 6:30pm in the Heritage Room. Please consider joining the men of First Reformed as we seek to grow in the grace and truth of the gospel.

## 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!

**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.

**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!

## **SERMON NOTES...**

Genesis 4:1-16  
“When Hope Wins”  
Pastor Mark Prestriedge



**15924 South Park Avenue • South Holland, IL 60473**

**Office: 708.333.0622 • Prayer Line: 708.333.8150**

**E-mail • [office@frcsh.org](mailto:office@frcsh.org)**

**SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**

---

## **STAFF...**

**Dr. Anthony Bolkema**  
*Interim Executive Pastor*

**Gerrri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Toni Smith**  
*Director of Family Life*  
*Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

**Visit us online at [www.frcsh.org](http://www.frcsh.org)**

Find us in the app store by searching for

"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting [get.theapp.co/1779](http://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.

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).