

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Communion Sunday, November 2, 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.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Communion Sunday, November 2, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude
Organ & Piano Prelude

*“For The Beauty of the Earth
“How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”*

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord”
“Lord Most High”*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

“Jesus Strong & Kind”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 4:17-26

Message

“Two Lines, Two Legacies”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Congregational Prayer

Don DeGraff

Offering

“All Nature Sings”

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Organ Postlude

“For The Beauty of the Earth”

*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...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Gerri VanBaren

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, & 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: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Clint & Merley Verhagen

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

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:00PM: Bell Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:45PM: Rehearsals in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

GREETERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley

ORGAN & PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Dave & Becky Wright and Roger & Judy Gill

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Nancy DeVries, and Lisa Triemstra

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

CARE...

Phil Capone is awaiting triple bypass surgery and will have a consultation on Thursday, November 6.

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 is home in hospice care.

Clifton Rhodes continues his physical therapy.

Lisa Magnon, Anna Collins daughter and primary care giver for Anna, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is going through tests to determine treatments.

Debbie Garretto had eye surgery and continues her recovery at home.

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: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Health Care #108, 16300 Wausau Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

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 NOVEMBER...

First Security: Rich Thornton, Dennis Woltzen, & Steve Vander Woude

First Emergency: Jessica DeBok

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...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Mike & Joanne Hoeksema on the passing of Joanne's sister, Margaret Oetjen, on Thursday, October 30. Margaret was one of our former choir directors and organists.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE STUFFING brought in so far for our 2025 Thanksgiving stuffing challenge! Next **Sunday, November 9** is our deadline. So far, we have collected **406**. 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.

SERVE SATURDAY: On **Saturday, November 22**, we will be holding a Serve Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be 5 opportunities to serve: 1) Paint Can Organization, 2) Flower Closet Clean Out, 3) Card Writing for FRC Shut Ins and CPO Families, 4) Daycare Toy Cleaning, and 5) Thanksgiving Handouts for Angels of Hope and Community Families. Our OASIS students will be packing Thanksgiving meals with Open Access. Sign up at the Welcome Centers! Join us for donuts and drinks as we fellowship at 9:00am and serve together throughout the morning!

EXODUS IN ACTION: The Exodus Projects and Faith and Action invite you to an open-house style reception (6:00-8:00pm) on **Thursday, November 6**, at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing. All are invited to join as we fellowship together. A short program will be held at 7:00pm that shares our vision for the future. To RSVP, please visit www.theexodusprojects.org or speak to Pastor Corey Buchanan. We hope to see you there!

BE READY TO PARTICIPATE in partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas Project. The Angel Tree will be in our Fellowship Hall soon with tags on it for Christmas gifts for children of inmates. Let's get ready to help support these families! These gifts will have to be returned by Sunday, Nov. 30!

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

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 Grades meet in the Genesis Room
- 3rd–5th Grades meet in the Library
- 6th–8th Grades meet in the Heritage Room
- 9th–12th Grades meet in the Chapel
- Tibstra House meets in the Heritage Room

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets **tonight**, from 6:30–8:00pm in the Loft. 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@frcsh.org.

NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT FRC!

- ❖ All women are invited to join a new evening Women's Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. We are meeting next **Wednesday, November 12** at 6:30pm in the Genesis Room. All are welcome to attend! Contact Joanne Hoeksema or Alison VanderWoude if you have any questions.
- ❖ All men are invited to join a new evening Men's Bible study on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. We meet next **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. See Steve VanderWoude if you have any questions.

THE LADIES' A.M. BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, November 11**, at **9:00am** (please note change of time, only for this date). We will discuss Session 3, "Peace in the Power of Jesus," study guide pgs. 41-65. Hope you are able to attend!

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.

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 4:17-26

“Two Lines, Two Legacies”

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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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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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.