

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, November 9, 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-SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
Sunday, November 9, 2025

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*“Now Thank We All Our God”
“We Gather Together”
“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
“Goodness of God”
“Forever”*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 5:1-32

Message

“Walking with God in a World of Death”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Jim Bosman

Offering

Moment for Mission: Chad & Dara VandenBosch

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Organ Postlude

“Harvest Blessing”

*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, NOVEMBER 9

GREETERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff

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

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

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 Mary Koster

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

6:00PM: Mission Committee meets in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Vision Committee in the Heritage Room

7:00PM: Consistory meeting in the Genesis Room followed by Elders & Deacons

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Veteran's Day

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

9:00AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

6:15PM: Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30PM: Men's (HR) & Women's (GR) Bible Study

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:00PM: Faith Committee in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Larry DeYoung

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Rick & Amy Veldboom

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Nancy DeVries, and Lisa Triemstra

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim DeGroot

CARE...

Sharon Dinkel has been able to return home to George. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support. God is so good!

Marla Owens has been admitted to the ICU at Munster Franciscan with elevated blood pressure.

Phil Capone is awaiting triple bypass surgery.

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 started chemo for bladder cancer. Sharon's aunt, Ginger Scott, continues rehab at Rush Specialty Hospital. Sharon's grandfather has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer and is going through additional tests.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

ON DUTY FOR NOVEMBER...

First Security: Dennis Woltzen & Steve VanderWoude

First Emergency: Jessica DeBok

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 LIFE...

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE STUFFING brought in so far for our 2025 Thanksgiving stuffing challenge! As of Thursday, we collected 744 boxes! Today, **Sunday, November 9**, is our deadline. 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.

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!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE is on **Wednesday, November 26** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. As you enter for worship, please bring your monetary and non-perishable food items (no clothing this year) to the front of the church. Place your offering of food on the steps. Baskets are provided for your monetary offerings. Ushers and Sunday school children are present to help you carry your items if needed. **Food donations needed:** cans of fruit, peanut butter/jelly, cereal/oatmeal, pancake mix/syrup, cans of tuna & chicken, instant potatoes, soups, baked beans, crackers/snacks, frosting, flour, & sugar. **Food donations not needed:** pasta, cake mix, mac & cheese, & cans of vegetables.

CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. Our next scheduled date is **Saturday, December 13**. If you are able to volunteer to help with the setup, serving our clients while the closet is open, and/or clean up, please contact Anthony Bolkema. Reminder: If you have items for the Clothing Closet, please take your donations to Open Access, 900 Maple Avenue, Homewood. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm. Be the reason for someone's Happy Thanksgiving!

THIS YEAR we are again partnering with Chicagoland Prison Outreach in the Angels of Hope Christmas Project. The Angel Tree is in our Fellowship Hall 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, November 30**!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES TO NOTE...

- **Wednesday, Dec. 3**, come join us at 6:00pm for our (fifth) First Christmas Party. Enjoy a delicious meal, festive games, sparkling conversation, and holiday cheer with your church family! Sign up at the Welcome Center(s).
- **Wednesday, Dec. 10**, our Wednesday night men's and women's Bible studies will meet from 6:00-7:30pm. Join us!
- **Sunday, Dec. 14**, at 6:00pm, join us for our annual Service of Lessons & Carols: a night filled with the Scriptures, sights, stories, and sounds of Christmas. Amidst the busyness of the Christmas season, join us to anchor your soul in God's salvation story.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 24**, join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 11:00pm. This service is always a highlight of the year, as we stay up and greet Christmas Day with carols, candlelight, worship, and sparklers!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues for all ages from 11:00am - noon. **PreK-8th 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 starts in the Genesis Room
- 9th–12th Grades meet in the Chapel
- Tibstra House meets in the Heritage Room

THE LADIES' A.M. BIBLE STUDY will meet this **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!

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to join a new evening Women's Bible study on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. We are meeting this **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 & 4th Wednesdays of each month. We meet this **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.

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 5:1-32
“Walking with God in a World of Death”
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

STAFF...

Dr. Anthony Bolkema
Interim Executive Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

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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.