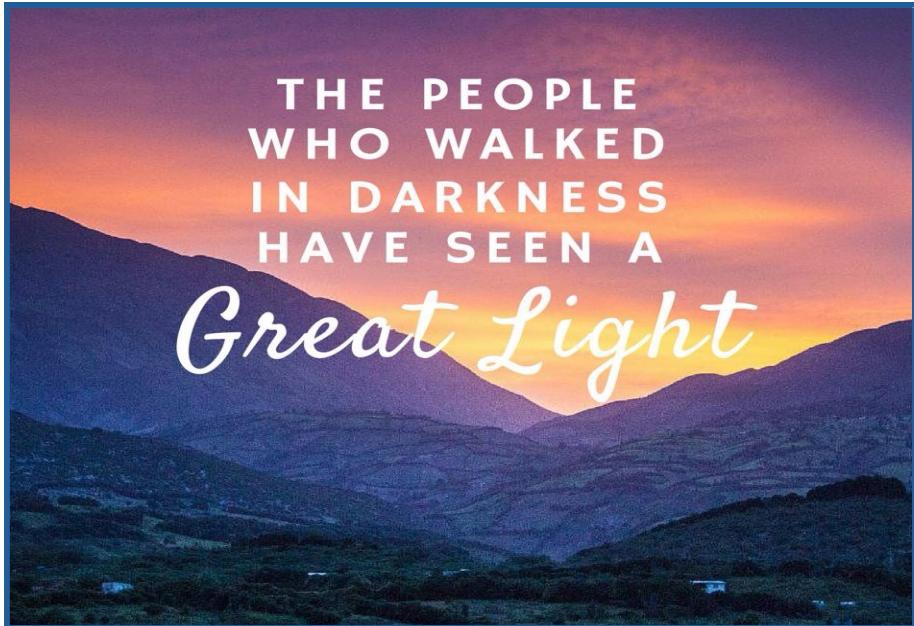


# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

First Sunday after Christmas Day  
December 28, 2025



## Welcome to First Reformed Church!

In this season of Advent, we rejoice in *the already and the not yet*. Jesus has already come entering our world to bring light, hope, and healing to our broken lives. Because of His first coming, we can walk in the healing, forgiveness, and restoration He freely provides today.

But we also live with *holy expectation*, waiting for the day when Jesus will come again to bring ultimate healing when every wound will be mended, every tear wiped away, and every broken thing made whole.

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Sunday, December 28, 2025

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

Joanne Hoeksema

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

*"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*  
*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*  
*"Joy to the World"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"Wing We the Song of Emmanuel"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-2

Message

*"Light Up My Darkness"*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Jim DeGroot

Offertory

*"While By the Sheep We Watched"*

\*Doxology

*"Doxology (The First Noel)"*

\*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Sending in Grace

*"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

\*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, DECEMBER 28

**GREETERS:** Jim and Bonnie DeGroot

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, and Bella VanderWoude

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Alison VanderWoude

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Clint Verhagen

### HOLIDAY HOURS

**Church Office Closed:** January 1 & 2

**Family Life Christian Day Care Closed:** December 31–January 2

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

**JANUARY 2-4:** OASIS WINTERXTREME retreat at Camp TimberLee in Wisconsin.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

**GREETERS:** Sikkema Family

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Tate

**VIDEO:** Michael Decker

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gwen Adams, Pam Costello, and Mykah Lett

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Joanne Hoeksema

## CARE...

**Sharon Dinkel** had a pacemaker procedure at Silver Cross Hospital and is now experiencing complications due to her MS and some infections. She is back at Burgess Square Health Care Rehab.

**Mary Ann Gouwens** is undergoing therapy at Ignite Rehab in Dyer, IN following a fall.

**Charles Dinkel** is home recovering from surgery that repaired his broken arm.

**Nicole DeBok** is home after having been hospitalized with severe abdominal pain.

**Phil Capone** is recovering from his angioplasty that he had on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

**Anna Mae Groeneveld** is home in hospice care.

**Matthew Koster** fell and broke his arm. Pray for a speedy recovery.

**Lisa Magnon**, Anna Collins' daughter and primary care giver for Anna, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is starting immunotherapy and chemotherapy.

**Sharon Brooks'** mom, Paula Amos, no longer needs to undergo chemotherapy.

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:** Myrna Eytcheson, Clarendale Six Corners, 4715 W. Irving Road, Chicago, IL 60691.

## ON DUTY FOR DECEMBER...

**First Security:** Dennis Woltzen & Steve VanderWoude

**First Emergency:** Tiffany Buchanan

## CHURCH LIFE...

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** is extended to Ray and Chandra Ondrejka on the birth of their son, Charlie Ray Ondrejka, born on Friday, December 19.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Jean Spiekhoult. Her brother-in-law, Burton Gardiner, passed away on December 19.

**OUR ANNUAL TOLLING OF THE BELLS SERVICE** is next **Sunday, January 4**, where we hear the bell toll for the loved ones who have gone on to glory this past year. We also have the joy of remembering the baptisms we celebrated this past year.

**DEAR COOKIE COMMITTEE LADIES:** The new cookie schedules for January-April 2026 are now in your mailbox. Thank you for your willingness to be part of this Ministry of Hospitality at First Church. Your creations are a hit every coffee time!

**PLEASE REMEMBER FIRST CHURCH** with your tithes and offerings as we near the end of 2025. Any year-end gifts must be given on or before December 31. Offering envelopes have been issued for 2026 and are in your mail slots. If you should have any questions, please contact Deacon Chair Rodger Norris at 708-337-9953.

**OASIS RETREAT:** Our OASIS students will be going on a WINTERXTREME retreat at Camp TimberLee in Wisconsin on January 2-4, 2026.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TRIBUTE** on **Saturday, January 17** at 10:00am held at Spirit of God Fellowship (16350 State St., SH). The South Holland Ministerial Association and the Village of South Holland are partnering to present this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute. The event will feature music, performing arts, and a powerful message. Light refreshments will be served following the service. All are welcome to attend this free event!

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on Sunday, December 28 & Sunday, January 4!

## REMINDERS....

**BE SURE TO VISIT THE WELCOME CENTERS** and sign cards for our shut-ins. Please also remember to empty your mail slots.

**VETERANS PARK LIGHT DISPLAY:** The Christmas lights at Veterans Memorial Park are now aglow! A spectacular light display will shine every night between now and Sunday, January 4. Make sure to stop by and take a stroll!



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**SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**

## STAFF...

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