

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Tolling of the Bells  
January 4, 2026



## Welcome to First Reformed Church!

The beginning of a new year is a time for reflection and anticipation. On the first Sunday of every year, we spend time as a church family remembering all those who "got their promotion" into glory the previous year. During our sermon today, we will list those who have died and celebrate their legacy. We also get to celebrate all those who have been baptized in the last year.

This "Tolling of the Bells" service poises us to enter a new year remembering what has gone before and anticipating God's leading through whatever comes our way in 2026. This service orients us to see God as "our help in ages past and our hope for years to come."

## TOLLING OF THE BELLS Sunday, January 4, 2026

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Another Year is Dawning"*  
*"Variations of Psalm 90"*

Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Congregational Worship

*"Let All Things Now Living"*  
*"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

*"In Christ Alone"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

"He Graced Us

Message

"Ecclesiastes 3:1-4"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Congregational Prayer

Roger DeGraff

Offertory

*"In Faith I Quiet Wait"*

\*Doxology

*"Doxology (The First Noel)"*

\*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Sending in Grace

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

\*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, 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

**7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

**10:00AM:** CPO Graduation in the Genesis Room

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

**7:30AM:** ACT meets in the Heritage Room

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

**GREETERS:** Wooley Family

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Dacia Hill, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries

**PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Michael Decker

**SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Mary Koster, Cindy Paarlberg, and Deb Woltzen

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Anthony Bolkema

## *CARE...*

**Thank you for your prayers,** Matthew Koster's broken arm is healing well (no surgery is required) and he will be returning to work at The Mayo Clinic on Monday, December 29th.

**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.

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

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

**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.

**Continue to pray for those** battling cancer, going through treatments, facing side effects, or caring for a loved one with cancer and for those giving care to parents, spouses, siblings, children, and/or friends who are struggling.

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

## *ON DUTY FOR DECEMBER...*

**First Security:** Barry Voss

**First Emergency:** Alison VanderWoude

*CHURCH LIFE...*

**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!

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** today. It resumes again next **Sunday, January 11!**

**THE LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets next on **Tuesday, January 13**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. Hope to see you there!

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED** to join an evening Bible study on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. We meet next on **Wednesday, January 14** 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 Bible study on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. We meet next on **Wednesday, January 14** 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.

**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!

*REMINDERS....*

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

**THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK** are aglow! Tonight is the last night to see a spectacular light display. Make sure to stop by and take a stroll!

**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!



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**SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**

*STAFF...*

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*Interim Executive Pastor*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
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