

# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Communion Sunday, January 11, 2026



## Welcome to First Reformed Church!

In the church calendar, we are in the season of Epiphany, which begins January 4. Epiphany has to do with light: things that are unclear becoming clear, things that are hidden being revealed, places that were once impassable becoming accessible.

During Epiphany, we celebrate the message of Jesus... the things that were hinted at in the Old Testament are now made perfectly clear...people who were once outsiders being brought in...people who were once trapped in darkness now being rescued by light.

We are here because we're basking in Jesus' light, experiencing his rescue, and being welcomed into his family. And we're happy to welcome you to worship, grow, and rejoice with us today!

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Communion Sunday, January 11, 2026

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"Trumpet Fanfare in C"  
"The Watchman & the Stars"  
"Take My Life & Let it Be"*

\*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"  
"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

Prayer of Confession

*"We Confess"*

Song of Assurance

*"Grace Flows Down"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 9:1-17

Message

"The Start of Something (Big): A Covenant with New Rules"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Joanne Hoeksema

Congregational Prayer

*"Meditation on Love Divine"*

Offertory

\*Doxology

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Benediction

*"In This Dry Land"*

\*Sending in Grace

*"The March of the Three Kings"*

\*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...

### 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:** Brady Nyhanna; **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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: First Quarterly Consistory meeting in the Genesis Room

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00AM: First Impressions meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

**GREETERS:** Gerri VanBaren and Rodger Norris

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Liam VanderWoude

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**PROJECTION:** Jonathan VanderWoude; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

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

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Nyla DeGraff, Rhonda DeBok, & Gerri VanBaren

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim Bosman

## 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. She is doing well and hopes to be released soon.

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:** Jean Spiekhour, Hartsfield Village #1107, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

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 JANUARY...

**First Security:** Barry Voss

**First Emergency:** Alison VanderWoude

## CHURCH LIFE...

**A SPECIAL BLESSING** to Nancy Asmus as she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this past week. Thanking God for His incredible grace and blessings in her life. Happy Birthday Nancy!

**WE WANTED TO THANK** Pastor Anthony, Pastor Corey, and our church family for the prayers, love, and support for Nicole during her hospital stay and healing. We are truly grateful and felt so blessed by your care.

-The DeBok Family

**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!

**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!

**CLOTHING CLOSET:** We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. The Clothing Closet will be open this month on **Thursday, January 22**. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Anthony Bolkema. The clothing closet will be open from 4pm-6pm, as well as approximately 30-45 minutes before and after those time slots for setup and cleanup.

**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.

**OASIS** (Junior & Senior High Students) meets on **Sunday, January 18**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall. 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](mailto:anthony@frcsh.org).

**LIVING WITH HOPE** sends a thank you for the donations sent to them. They also want to give you their new address: P.O. Box 9266, Highland, IN.

## 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 11:00-11:00am, then move to their classrooms until noon.

- PreK–2<sup>nd</sup> Grades/Genesis Room
- 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Grades/Library
- 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> Grades starts/Genesis Room
- 9th–12th Grades/Chapel
- Tibstra House/Heritage Room

**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.

## REMINDERS....

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

**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!

**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 9:1-17

“The Start of Something (Big): A Covenant with New Rules”  
Pastor Corey Buchanan



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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## *STAFF...*

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

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

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*Church Administrator*

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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).