

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Sunday, January 25, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

In the church calendar, we are in the season of Epiphany, which began 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 in Him. People who were once outsiders are brought in through Him. People who were once trapped in darkness now are rescued by His 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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Sunday, January 25, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"
"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"
"Come Thou Fount"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"
"O Worship the King"
"Lord Most High"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Beautiful Savior"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 9:18-29

Message

The Start of Something (Big): "Sin and Suffering Continues"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Alison VanderWoude

Offertory

Moment for Missions: Clothing Closet

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"In This Dry Land"

*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, JANUARY 25

GREETERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Nolan Bolkema; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen, Gwen Adams and Faye Gowens

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Amber Fransen, and Nancy DeVries

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim DeGroot

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

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

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

6:30PM: Men's Bible Study meets in the Heritage Room

COMMUNION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Larry DeYoung

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Kim Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nikki Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Michael Decker

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gerri Housman

COFFEE SERVERS: Steve & Nancy Devries and Mary Koster

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Niki Nyhanna

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim Bosman

CARE...

Wayne Deinema has been admitted to Franciscan Dyer Hospital due to a stroke.

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.

Eric Pradelski requests prayers as he continues to experience ongoing mental health unrest.

Mary Ann Gouwens has completed her rehab and is back at Park Place in a new Room, 3216.

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

Phil Capone is scheduled for his second angioplasty on Friday, February 6 at the University of Chicago.

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**, has started immunotherapy for her cancer. Sharon's grandfather, **David Henderson**, has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer and is in hospice care.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: **Anita Decker-Steenbergen**, 15959 Marian Drive, South Holland, IL 60473

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Total: \$8,524.14

(Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$116.59

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$173,750.10

ON DUTY FOR JANUARY...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Alison VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

YOUR 2025 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the Fellowship Hall for the next two Sundays. If you should have any questions, please contact Rodger Norris at 708-337-9953.

NOMINATING BALLOTS for our **Tuesday, May 12**, Congregational Meeting were placed in your mail slots (shut-ins and those out-of-town were mailed). Your completed ballots should be placed in the ballot boxes on the Narthex shelves by the morning of **Sunday, February 1**.

HAVE YOU BEEN HEARD? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2026 Christian Reformed Church denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/14207 to answer the survey questions by **Tuesday, March 31**.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets next **Sunday, February 1**, 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.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite soup for dinnertime after our Ash Wednesday service on **February 18**. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite soup.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're continuing a series of "Getting to Know You" slides where our church family can meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. Maybe you'll be interviewed next!

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!

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 **11:00-11:0am**, then move to their classrooms until noon.

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



OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will begin in the Chapel at 6:00pm and move to the Fellowship Hall for our Soup Supper. Sign up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

- **Ash Wednesday, February 18:** First Wednesday Fellowship Service/Soup Supper
- **Wednesday, February 25:** Men & Women Bible Studies (6:30pm)
- **Wednesday, March 11:** Men & Women Bible Studies (6:30pm)
- **Wednesday, March 25:** Men & Women Bible Studies(6:30pm)
- **Thursday, April 2:** Maudy Thursday Service (6:00 pm)
- **Friday, April 3:** Good Friday Service (7:00pm)
- **Sunday, April 5:** Easter Service (9:30am)

THE LADIES’ MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, January 27**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. We will watch the video, “Peace in the Patience of Jesus,” and fill in study guide p. 92. Hope to see you there!

OUR CURRENT CONSISTORY & TRUSTEES....

BOARD OF ELDERS		
June 2026	June 2027	June 2028
Corey Buchanan (1 yr.) Don DeGraff Russ Paarlberg, Clerk Clint VerHagen	Roger DeGraff, VP Jim DeGroot Joanne Hoeksema	Anthony Bolkema Jim Bosman
BOARD OF DEACONS		
June 2026	June 2027	June 2028
Randy DeBok (1 yr.) Sara Jabaay Lisa Triemstra (2 yr.) Noreen VanDeursen	Rodger Norris, Chairman Barry Voss Debbie Woltzen	Ray Housman
BOARD OF TRUSTEES		
2025/2026	Nyla DeGraff, Steve DeVries, and Rich Zimmerman	
2026/2027	Adam Jabaay, Mark Spiekhout, and Don VanDeursen	

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 9:18-29

The Start of Something (Big): “Sin and Suffering Continues”

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

Associate Pastor

Jane Ackerman

Church Accountant

Nyla DeGraff

Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren

Administrative Assistant

Darcy Daly

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Church Custodian

Toni Smith

*Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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.