

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Communion Sunday, February 1, 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!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 1, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Joy In the Morning"
"God Moves In a Mysterious Way"
"Immortal, Invisible"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"God of Creation All Powerful"
"He is Exalted"
"Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"The Solid Rock"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 10:1-32

Message

The Start of Something (Big): "Table of Nations"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Judy Gill

Offertory

"Abide With Me"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"God of Creation, All Powerful"

*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...

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 VanBaren
COFFEE SERVERS: Steve & Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim Bosman

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

GREETERS: Dennis and Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Jeffery Fransen, Joe Fransen, Grant Sikkema, Gracen Sikkema, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Anthony Bolkema
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Mary Bosman and Trina Taylor
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Judy Gill, and Katie Sikkema
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

CARE...

- ✚ **Wayne Deinema** has been moved to rehab at Franciscan Dyer Hospital.
- ✚ **Sharon Dinkel** continues at Burgess Square Health Care.
- ✚ **Eric Pradelski** requests prayers as he continues to experience ongoing mental health unrest.
- ✚ **Charles Dinkel** is home recovering from surgery that repaired his broken arm.
- ✚ **Phil Capone** is scheduled for his second angioplasty this Friday, February 6 at the University of Chicago.
- ✚ **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**, continues her immunotherapy for her cancer. Sharon’s grandfather, **David Henderson**, has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer and is in hospice care.
- ✚ **Our extended family: Loretta Bovenkerk**, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Unit 154, 3633 Breaker Dr., Olympia Fields, IL 60461
- ✚ **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.

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Security: Jessica DeBok

First Emergency: Rich Thornton

OUR CURRENT CONSISTORY & TRUSTEES....

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

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Anna Mae Groeneveld, who passed away on Friday, January 23. Visitation is this **Saturday, February 7** from 11:00am until the time of the funeral service at 1:00pm here at First Church. A luncheon will follow downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to my church family for all the cards I received from church. All of them are read to me, and it keeps me feeling connected to my church. Just wanted you to know that the cards are very much appreciated! — Viola Van Dam

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 **today**.

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.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH GAME NIGHT: Come on out for an all-ages evening of fun - we'll have card games, board games, kids' games, and more! **Friday, February 13**, 6:30 - 8:00pm. Bring along a favorite game or join in the fun with games on hand. Pizza, salad, and breadsticks will be served. Sign up at the welcome centers to let us know you'll be there!

JOIN US ON MISSION SUNDAY, February 15 and following the service, we will host a special luncheon for our missionaries at 12:30pm. Please sign up if you plan to attend the luncheon. For questions or more information, please Pastor Corey at corey@frcsh.org.

OUTREACH 101 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28: Are you interested in learning how to reach your friends and neighbors? Want practical tools for inviting people to church—and, more importantly, inviting them to Christ? Our Outreach Team is hosting **Outreach 101**, a class taught by **Brian Gardner from CRU**, on the morning of February 28. This class will equip and encourage you to live out your faith and engage others with confidence and love.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets tonight, 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.

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

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**.

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.



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 again on **Tuesday, February 10**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. At that time, we will view Session 4 video, and discuss the homework of Session 5, "Peace in the Purposes of Jesus" pgs. 96-119 in the study guide. Please be prepared to share your findings. Hope to see you there!

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 10:1-32

The Start of Something (Big): "Table of Nations"

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...

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Interim Executive Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
Associate Pastor

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

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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.