

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Sunday, February 22, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Today marks the beginning of Lent - a season of preparation and penitence during which Christians seek to renew our repentance and faith. Another way we might think of Lent is the church's springtime of renewal!

Of course, we Christians aren't the only ones in need of renewal. Our world - made beautiful by God but broken and stained by sin - is in need of renewal, too.

So, this Lent, we will focus on God's mission of renewal for the world He made, the world He loves, the world He redeemed through Jesus, and the world He is renewing through the Holy Spirit. Amazingly, God has called us - His Church - to be a part of that work through His Spirit Who enables and emboldens us! May we see Jesus in worship this Lenten Sunday, that Jesus might be seen in and through us this week!

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Sunday, February 22, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"O Word of God Incarnate"
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Opening Song of Worship

"O Come"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"
"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"
"I Just Want to Thank You, Lord"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Song of Assurance

"Here Is Love"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

John 1:14-18

Message

"Simply Seeing Jesus"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Nikki Nyhanna

Offertory

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Zack Flipse

*Sending in Grace

"In This Dry Land"

*Organ Postlude

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*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, FEBRUARY 22

GREETERS: Bolkema Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, Lisa Triemstra, Bella VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Rodger & Sherry Norris

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Becky Wright

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00AM: Women's Bible Study in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:30PM: Men's (Heritage Room) and Women's (Genesis Room) Bible Studies

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

4:00PM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

GREETERS: Steve & Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Ellen Nelson, and Deb Woltzen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

CARE & PRAYER...

Wayne Deinema has been moved to rehab at Cedar Crest in Lowell, IN. Room 224.

Sharon Dinkel continues at Burgess Square Health Care.

Eric Pradelski requests prayers as he continues to experience ongoing mental health unrest and severe nerve pain throughout his leg.

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

Phil Capone is recuperating from his second successful angioplasty.

Lisa Magnon, Anna Collins daughter and primary care giver, had her last chemo treatment last week. Her tumor has shrunk but she has developed blood clots in her lungs and is on medication to rid the clots.

Sharon Brooks' mom, **Paula Amos**, continues her immunotherapy for her cancer.

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: Anne Koval, 713 E. 156th Place, South Holland, IL 60473

We rejoice that our Reach175 goal has been reached! While we had originally hoped to complete our fundraising goal of \$175,000 by August 1, but, through God's grace and the congregation's faithful giving, we were able to complete it over six months early! We invite you to continue to support the ongoing work of this campaign as we look forward to having our parking lot repaved this spring!

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Security: Jessica DeBok

First Emergency: Rich Thornton

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT this morning Pastor Zack Flipse. Pastor Zack is Associate Pastor at Oostburg CRC in Oostburg, WI. He is a Commissioned Pastor in the Classis Wisconsin. He currently attends Calvin Theology Seminary in pursuit of his MDiv. We are grateful for Pastor Zack's leadership for us this morning.

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**. This class will equip and encourage you to live out your faith and engage others with confidence and love. Times - 8:30am: Breakfast/Fellowship, 9:00am: Outreach 101; 11:30am: Lunch/debriefing & discussion; Dismissal/noon. **Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.**

FRC IS LOOKING FOR A SMALL TEAM of book and media lovers to join us in the revitalization of our church library! We will be organizing and adding physical content and modernizing this special space in our church. If you are interested in joining the committee to help with these updates or being a part of a team to maintain the library, please sign up at one of the church welcome centers by **Monday, March 16**. Meetings will be scheduled once signups are complete.

CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. The Clothing Closet will be open this week on **Thursday, February 26**. 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.

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY! 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**.

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.

UPCOMING SERVICES...

- ✚ **Thursday, April 2:** Maudy Thursday Service (6:00pm)
- ✚ **Friday, April 3:** Good Friday Service (7:00pm)
- ✚ **Sunday, April 5:** Easter Service (9:30am)

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

THE LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet again on **Tuesday, February 24**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. At that time, we will view the Session 5 video, "Peace in the Purposes of Jesus." Hope to see you there.

MEN & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES meet next on **Wednesday, February 25**. Please consider joining the men and women of First Reformed as we seek to grow in the grace and truth of the gospel. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Hoeksema or Steve & Alison VanderWoude.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) will meet next on **Sunday, March 1**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Loft. 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.

REMINDERS...

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 mailslots.

JOIN US FOR CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S annual Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, March 7**, from 7:00–11:00am in the school gym (528 E. 161st Place, SH). This parent-led event, supported by our students, is a wonderful morning of fellowship and community. Proceeds support Calvin athletics—an important part of our Christ-centered educational program alongside core academics, foreign language, visual and performing arts. We hope to see you there!

SERMON NOTES...

John 1:14-18
“Simply Seeing Jesus”
Pastor Zack Flipse

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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"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.