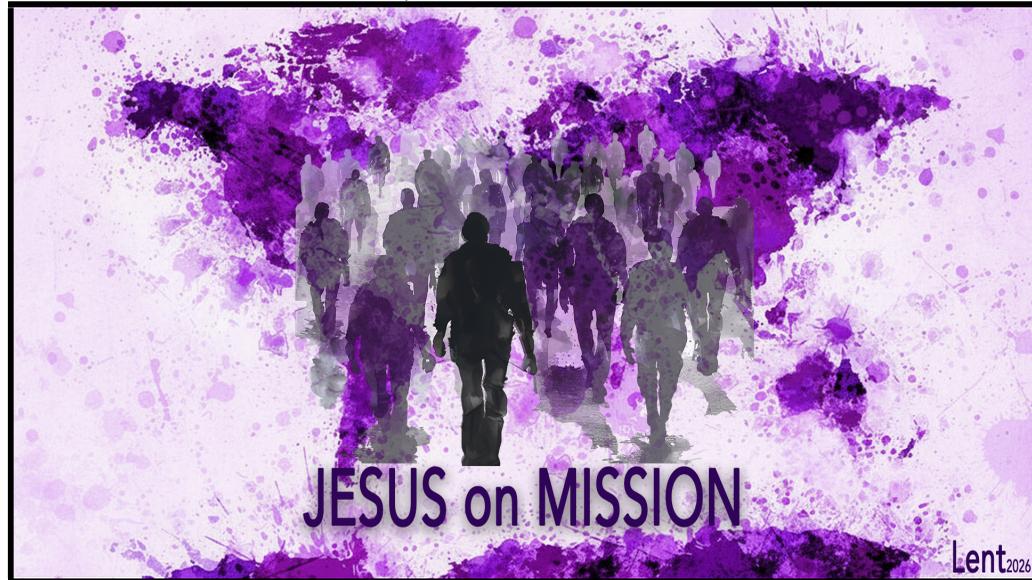


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
Sunday, March 1, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Today is the second Sunday 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!

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 1, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Voluntary in D"
"I Have a Savior"
"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"We Come, O Christ, To You"
"We Will Glorify"
"Have Mercy on Me"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Abide"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Message

"The Message Tested"

Song of Response

"Seek Ye First"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Jim Bosman

Offertory

Ministry: Sunday School

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"In This Dry Land"

*Organ Postlude

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

*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, 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: Anthony Bolkema

MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 8

GREETERS: Jim and Bonnie DeGroot

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Jeffrey Fransen, Joe Fransen, Grant Sikkema,

Gracen Sikkema, Lisa Triemstra, Abby Veldboom, and Robert Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Rick & Amy Veldboom and Clint & Merley Verhagen

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Lisa Triemstra, and Merley Verhagen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

CARE & PRAYER...

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: Ruth DeBoer, Hartsfield Village, Room #135, 10002 Columbia Avenue, 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."

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Security: Tiffany Buchanan

First Emergency: Steve VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Wayne Dienema who passed on Friday, February 20.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE who made soup, served our congregation, and cleaned up at our recent Ash Wednesday Soup Supper.

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.

INDOOR MOVIE NIGHT AT CHURCH: On **Friday, March 20**, join us for an all ages trip down memory lane with the family classic "A Goofy Movie". Bring a blanket or a lawn chair, meet us in the Activity Center, and enjoy 90 minutes of 90's nostalgia! Concessions will be available, movie begins at 7:00 pm. Sign up at the welcome centers.

FRC 6TH ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP: Sign up at the welcome centers or RSVP online by **Friday, March 20**. Planning on Kankakee River State Park (5314 W. State Route 102, Bourbonnais, IL). Should this park be at capacity when we book, we will move to Potato Creek State Park, IN. We will make all families aware of the change as early as possible!

F-PEC WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU! Do you have any suggestions for upcoming Fellowship events at First Reformed Church? Any special outings or get-togethers you'd love to see take place? Visit the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall to add your ideas to our suggestion box and our planning committee will try to make them come true!

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 crna.org/survey/14207 to answer the survey questions by **Tuesday, March 31**.

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 11:00-11:0am, 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

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) will meet tonight, **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.

THE LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet again on **Tuesday, March 10**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. Room. Please do the homework for Session 6, "Peace in the Promises of Jesus", study guide pages 124-135. Be prepared to share your findings. Hope to see you there.

MEN & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES meet next on **Wednesday, March 11**. 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.

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. We hope to see you there!

SERMON NOTES...

Matthew 4:1-11
"The Message Tested"
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

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Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
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Darcy Daly
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Toni Smith
*Director of Family Life
Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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Find us in the app store by searching for
"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.