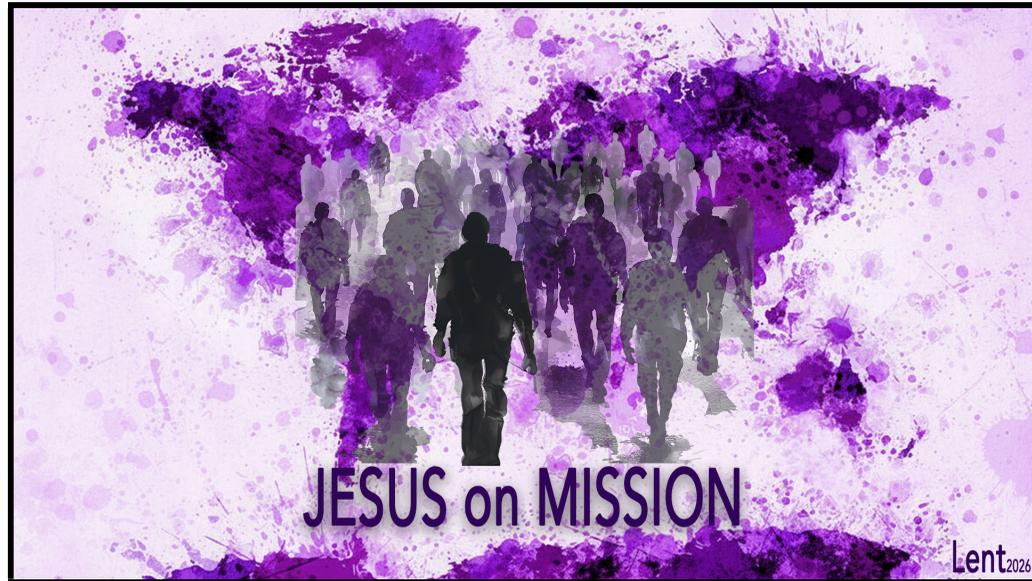


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
Communion Sunday, March 8, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Today is the third 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!

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Communion Sunday, March 8, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Piano Prelude

"I Surrender All"
"Jesus Loves Me"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Come, Thou Fount"
"All Glory Be To God On High"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema / *"Have Mercy on Me"*

Song of Assurance

"Jesus Strong & Kind"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 15:1-7

Message

"Seeking the Lost"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Roger DeGraff

Offertory

"Love of God"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"In This Dry Land"

*Piano 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, 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

MONDAY, MARCH 9

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Music Team rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Consistory meets in the Genesis Room followed by Elders and Deacons

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

GREETERS: Veldboom Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN & PIANO: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski; **SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

NURSERY: Sara Jabaay and Benjamin Wooley

COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Nancy DeVries, and Joanne Hoeksema

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Don DeGraff

CARE & PRAYER...

Jan Nelson is scheduled for a heart ablation on Thursday, March 19. **Craig Nelson** has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Also, their son **Christopher** is undergoing a difficult new treatment for his cancer.

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: Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John, Room #1212, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

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

ON DUTY FOR MARCH

First Security: Tiffany Buchanan

First Emergency: Steve VanderWoude

"Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S; it is holy to the LORD." - Leviticus 27:30

CHURCH LIFE...

CALLING ALL SINGERS! We are forming a small choir to help lead worship on Easter Sunday, April 5. Rehearsals will be **Wednesday, March 18 @ 7:00pm** and **Tuesday, March 24 @ 7:00pm** here at church. Please see Pastor Anthony with any questions!

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

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.

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!

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 or coconut of any kind are clearly labeled.

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 11:00-11:30am, 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 this **Tuesday, March 10**, at 9:30am in the Genesis 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 this **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.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) will meet next on **Sunday, March 15**, 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.

SERMON NOTES...

Luke 15:1-7
"Seeking the Lost"
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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Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nyla DeGraff
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

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.