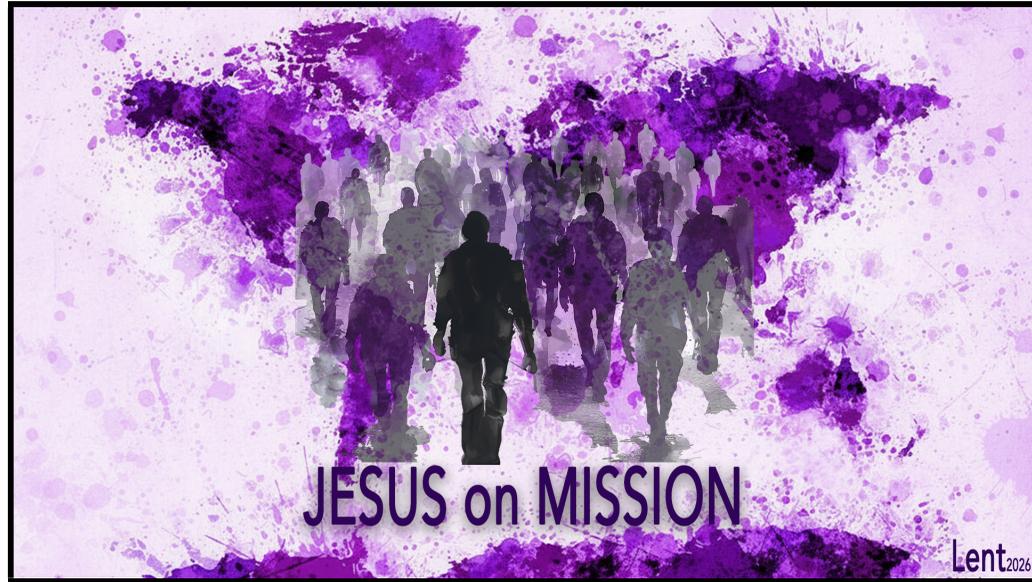


**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**  
Sunday, March 15, 2026



**Welcome to First Reformed Church!**

Today is the fourth 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!

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Sunday, March 15, 2026

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Prelude	Joanne Hoeksema
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"</i> <i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i> <i>"Cornerstone"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
Song of Assurance	<i>"How Deep the Father's Love"</i>

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture	Mark 10:35-45
Message	"The Cost of the Mission"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer	Larry DeYoung
Offertory	Joanne Hoeksema
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	<i>"In This Dry Land"</i>
*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, 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

**OASIS:** 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Loft & Activity Center

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

**6:00PM:** F-PEC meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**7:00PM:** Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

**7:00PM:** Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

**7:00PM:** Movie Night in the Activity Center

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

**GREETERS:** Sikkema Family

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Towannah Graves, and Liam VanderWoude

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Nick Graves

**PROJECTION:** Jonathan VanderWoude

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Dave & Becky Wright and Roger & Judy Gill

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Mary Koster, Nikki Nyhanna, and Gerri VanBaren

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim DeGroot

## *CARE & PRAYER...*

**Jan Nelson** is scheduled for a heart ablation this 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.

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

**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:** Sharon Dinkel, Burgess Square Health Care & Rehab, 5801 South Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL 60559

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

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."

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## *ON DUTY FOR MARCH*

**First Security:** Tiffany Buchanan  
**First Emergency:** Steve VanderWoude

## CHURCH LIFE...

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of Rick and Amy Veldboom on the passing of Rick's father, Norm Veldboom on Sunday, March 8.

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

**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!

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

**INDOOR MOVIE NIGHT AT CHURCH:** This **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 6<sup>TH</sup> 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!

## UPCOMING SERVICES...

- 🇳🇪 **Thursday, April 2:** Maudy Thursday Service (6:00pm) in the Fellowship Hall
- 🇳🇪 **Friday, April 3:** Good Friday Service (7:00pm) in the Sanctuary
- 🇳🇪 **Sunday, April 5:** Easter Service (9:30am) in the Sanctuary

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

**OASIS** (Junior & Senior High Students) will meet tonight, **Sunday, March 15**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Loft. If you are or know of a student in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please email Anthony at [anthony@frcsh.org](mailto:anthony@frcsh.org).

**THE LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet again on **Tuesday, March 23**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. We will be viewing the Session 6 video, "Peace in the Promises of Jesus". Hope to see you there.

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

## 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.

**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!

**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 of any kind are clearly labeled.

*SERMON NOTES...*

Mark 10:35-45  
"The Cost of the Mission"  
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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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.