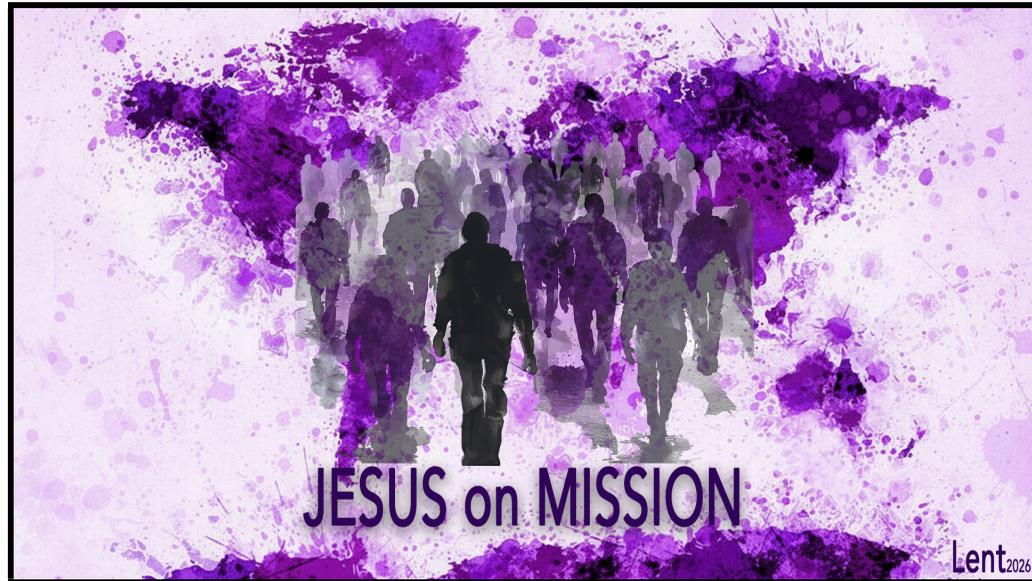


**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**  
Sunday, March 22, 2026



**Welcome to First Reformed Church!**

Today is the fifth 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!

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Sunday, March 22, 2026  
**WE APPROACH GOD**

Prelude  
*"Holy, Holy, Holy/O Lord Most Holy"*  
*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*  
*"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

\*Welcome & Greeting One Another  
Pastor Anthony Bolkema  
\*Congregational Worship  
*"Sing Praise To God, Who Reigns Above"*  
*"Praise The One Who Breaks the Darkness"*  
*"Jesus at the Center"*

Prayer of Confession  
Pastor Anthony Bolkema  
Song of Assurance  
*"Abide"*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture  
Luke 4:14-21  
Message  
"The Mission Announced"  
Song of Response  
*"Seek Ye First"*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

Congregational Prayer  
Judy Gill  
Offertory  
*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*  
\*Doxology  
\*Benediction  
Pastor Willard High  
\*Sending in Grace  
*"In This Dry Land"*  
\*Postlude  
*"Lead On, O King Eternal"*  
\*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 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:** Lynn & Clair Hoeksema and Roger & Judy Gill

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

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim DeGroot

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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

**4:45PM:** Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

**6:30PM:** Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

**6:30PM:** Men's Bible Study meets in the Heritage Room

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

**4:00PM:** Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

**GREETERS:** Wooley Family

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Bill & Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, Lisa Triemstra, Benjamin Wooley

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Rhonda Hesselink & Joanne Hoeksema

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Mary Bosman and Ray & Barb Housman

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Diana Abernathy, Mykah Lett, Kathy Rhodes

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim Bosman

## *CARE & PRAYER...*

**Amy Veldboom** is recovering from a compartment release surgery on her wrist.

**Jan Nelson** is recovering from a heart ablation she had this past week. **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:** Jean Spiekhout, Hartsfield Village, Room #1107, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

**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...*

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** We are forming a small choir to lead worship on Easter Sunday. Our second rehearsal will be held on **Tuesday, March 24** at 7:00pm here at church. Please see Pastor Anthony with any questions!

**EASTER EGG HUNT!** We are looking for volunteers for our first ever FRC Easter Egg Hunt: filling and hiding eggs, overseeing the hunt and helping with clean up. Join us **Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm** as we host our Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 am on the front lawn of First Reformed Church. Sign up now to assist at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

**SPRING BRUNCH:** FRC will be hosting a Spring Brunch following the service on **Sunday, April 12** in the Activity Center. Join us for a time of fellowship over a delicious brunch as we welcome spring and sunshine! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers by Easter Sunday, April 5.

**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, 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.

**AFTER YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE,** Nyla DeGraff is looking forward to retiring as our Church Administrator. We are deeply grateful for her decades of faithful, loving service. At the same time, we are excited to announce that Nikki Nyhanna has been hired as our new Church Administrator and has begun an extended period of training with Nyla. Once Nyla establishes a firm date for her final retirement, we look forward to recognizing and celebrating her years of services together as a congregation!

**SOUTH HOLLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN:** We are excited to share that we are partnering with the Village of South Holland to bring a community garden to the grounds of First Church! The Village will be installing garden beds, storage, fencing and more on site in the months of April and May. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow fresh produce, build relationships, and serve our community in a tangible way. If you'd like to learn more, a rendering of the garden is available to view at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

## *UPCOMING SERVICES...*

-  **Thursday, April 2:** Maudy Thursday Light Meal and Service (6:00pm) in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for the meal at the Welcome Centers.
-  **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 in Genesis Room
- 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grades/Chapel
- Tibstra House/Heritage Room

**THE LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet again this **Tuesday, March 24**, 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 this **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...*

Luke 4:14-21  
"The Mission Announced"  
Pastor Willard High

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.