

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of **SOUTH HOLLAND**
Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Did you know that in the church calendar, Easter is not just one day, it's a whole season, encompassing the 50 days from Resurrection Sunday until Pentecost (May 24 this year). During this season, we watch the grass get greener, the flowers blooming, and the days getting warmer, and we celebrate the Spring of our souls, the new life we experience in Jesus!

We are so glad that you are here to celebrate this truth with us: Jesus' Resurrection changes everything! For 178 years, First Church has been a loving place where God's people have grown and experienced transformation and new life. Join us in the joy, worship, community, and hope that Jesus brings!

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 12, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude	<i>"Almighty, Powerful God"</i> <i>"In Christ Alone"</i>
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Christ is Alive"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Song of Assurance	<i>"Christ is Risen"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 11:10-32
Message	"A Family of Faith"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of Baptism	Charlie Ondrejka
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	<i>"Is He Worthy"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Gwen Adams
Offering	Mission Moment: PASS
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Closing Song of Worship	<i>"Christ is Alive"</i>
*Organ Postlude	<i>"Hallelujah! What a Savior!"</i>
*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, APRIL 12

GREETERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nicholas Graves, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Steve & Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Judy Gill, and Katie Sikkema

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

MONDAY, APRIL 13

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

6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Quarterly Consistory meeting in the Genesis Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

7:00PM: Family Life CPD Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Larry DeYoung

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

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Amber Fransen, and Becky Wright

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim DeGroot

CARE & PRAYER...

Mark Spiekhout was transferred to Northwestern Hospital and is recovering from hip surgery.

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

Joyce Novak, Linda Capone's mother, has temporarily moved in with Phil and Linda following hospitalization for blood clots in her lungs. Pray for healing, that she might be able to return home.

Eric Pradelski is awaiting mental health diagnosis testing he had on Tuesday, March 31. Praying it provides some degree of clarity and direction for the providers.

David Gardiner, grandson of Jean Spiekhout, needs your prayers as he is suffering from a brain tumor.

Lisa Magnon, Anna Collins' daughter and primary care giver, is recovering at home from successful surgery.

Sharon Henderson-Brooks' mom, **Paula Amos** now has no cancer in her bladder and will have checkups every 3 months to monitor things.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, 12565 Renaissance Circle, Room 308, Homer Glen, IL 60491

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU FIRST CHURCH for your cards, concern, and prayers. They all contributed greatly to my comfort and healing during the past months. -Stu Swenson

THANK YOU FIRST CHURCH and Pastors Corey and Anthony for all of your prayers and support for my mother's health and ongoing care. -Sharon Henderson Brooks

SPRING BRUNCH: FRC will be hosting a Spring Brunch following today's service in the Activity Center, beginning at 11:30 am. Join us for a time of fellowship over a delicious brunch as we welcome spring and sunshine!

SOUTH HOLLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN: We're excited to announce our partnership with the Village of South Holland to establish a new community garden on the grounds of First Church! The garden will feature *five available beds* for individuals or groups in our church interested in participating this season. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just getting started, all are welcome. To reserve a garden bed, sign up individually or as a group using the sheet available at the Fellowship Hall welcome center. For questions or for more information, please see Megan DeYoung.

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!

COOKIE LADIES please check your mailboxes for the new cookie duty schedule for May-August. Thank you for always providing such delightful treats.

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!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL today, April 12! It will continue next Sunday, April 19 for all ages from 11:00am – noon.

THE LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Tuesday, April 14**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. Please be prepared to share your findings from the homework on Session 7, "Peace in the Passion of Jesus", pg 150-173 in the study guide. Hope to see you there!

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) will next meet on **Sunday, April 19**, 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.

MEN & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES meet next on **Wednesday, April 22**. 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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

BIBLE LEAGUE SPRING LUNCHEON is **Thursday, April 23**, held at the Bible League in Crete with Scrementti's catering. Tickets are \$30. Please see or call Becky Wright 708-220-7117 or Judy Gill 708-279-7599.

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, May 7**, at 7:30am at Spirit of God Fellowship. This is a powerful opportunity for our community to come together in prayer.

EVENING OF THANKSGIVING: Chicagoland Prison Outreach Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 19**, celebrating 32 years of God's faithfulness at Tinley Park Convention Center. Reception begins at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Visit their website www.cpoministries.org/banquet to RSVP or call 708-331-3301.

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 11:10-32
"A Family of Faith"
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.