

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Did you know that in the church calendar, Easter is not just one day, but 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!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 26, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"The God of Abram Praise"
"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
"Goodness of God"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Song of Assurance

"His Glory & My Good"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 12:10-13:1

Message

"God in Crisis"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Offering

Moment for Mission: Family Life CPD

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Christ is Alive"

*Organ Postlude

"Make Me a Channel of Blessing"

*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 26

GREETERS: Dennis & Debbie Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

PIANO: Nicholas Graves

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Lucas Bolkema

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Rodger & Sherry Norris

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Alison VanderWoude

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

MONDAY, APRIL 27

9:30PM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

9:30PM: Women's Bible Study Celebration Brunch in the Gensis Room

SUNDAY, MAY 3

GREETERS: Verhagen Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim & Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin & Robert Wooley

ORGAN: Steve DeVries; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Aaron Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Deb & Dennis Woltzen

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Pam Costello, and Ellen Nelson

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

CARE & PRAYER...

Mike Costello is recovering at home from heart ablation.

Mark Spiekhout was transferred to Ignite Rehab in Dyer to continue his recovery 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 and has been admitted to the hospital.

Joyce Novak, Linda Capone's mother, has returned back home and is now receiving home health care. Pray for her continued healing and strength.

Eric Pradelski is awaiting a 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.

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: **Barb DeWolf**, 12565 Renaissance Circle, Room 308, Homer Glen, IL 60491

ON DUTY FOR APRIL...

First Security: Alison VanderWoude

First Emergency: Dennis Woltzen

CHURCH LIFE...

COMMUNITY GARDEN: We are excited to partner with the Village of South Holland to launch a new community garden at First Church! Five beds are available for individuals or groups this season: sign up at the Fellowship Hall welcome center to reserve yours. For questions or more information, please see Megan DeYoung.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, May 12**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Sanctuary. The main purpose of the meeting will be the election of elders, deacons, and trustees and any other business which rightfully comes before such a meeting. Eligible communicant voters must be at least 18 years of age. If you would like nursery for your child(ren) (up to 5 yrs. old), please notify the church office by Thursday, May 7.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS have been placed in nomination for the office of Elder, Deacon and Trustees:

ELDER NOMINEES: Larry DeYoung, Rhonda Hesselink, Clair Hoeksema, and Steve VanderWoude

DEACON NOMINEES: Tim DeYoung, Grant Sikkema, Travis Stirling, and Dennis Woltzen

TRUSTEE NOMINEES: Nyla DeGraff, Steve DeVries, and Rich Zimmerman

PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee ballots (also available in the church office) should be placed in a sealed envelope with the eligible voting church member's signature and the date on the outside and delivered to the church office prior to the meeting of May 12. Please note that voting will be by slate (collectively) for each office. Therefore, there may be one vote of "yes" or "no" for Elders, the same for Deacons and Trustees.

REMINDERS....

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.

BE SURE TO VISIT the welcome centers and sign cards for our shut-ins and please remember to empty your mailslots.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

THANK YOU to all of our Sunday School teachers, aides, and volunteers for an incredible year of faithful service and meaningful connection with our students! Your time, dedication, and gifts have helped nurture the faith of our youth and share the Word of God throughout the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL concludes today 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. This is our final week of Sunday School for this learning year.

- PreK–2nd Grades/Genesis Room 3rd–5th Grades/Library
- 6th–8th Grades/starts in Genesis Room 9th-12th Grades/Chapel
- Tibstra House/Heritage Room

LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY will have their last session on **Tuesday, April 28th**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. There will be a brunch followed by a discussion and video on Session 6, "Peace in the Passion of Jesus". If you wish to bring a brunch item and did not contact Mary Koster, please call or text her at 708-380-4316. We hope to see you there.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

SAVE THE DATE: The annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, May 7**, at 7:00am 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 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Visit their website www.cpoministries.org/banquet to RSVP or call 708-331-3301.

JOIN THE MEN AND WOMEN of the South Holland Ministerial Association for a time of prayer and Bible fellowship. This is a monthly gathering specific to men and women respectively. Men meet every 2nd Tuesday from noon to 1:00pm at Heritage House (443 E. 157th Street) and the women meet every 2nd Tuesday from 6:00-7:00pm at the Community Center (501 E 170th Street). For more information, email southhollandchurches@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 12:10-13:1
"God in Crisis"
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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"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.