

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 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!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 10, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Built on a Rock"
"Firm Foundation"
"A Mighty Fortress"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"O Worship the King"
"You Are My Strength"
"My God Is All I Need"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Song of Assurance

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 14:1-24

Message

"Bad Situation, Good Confirmation"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Larry DeYoung

Offering

Moment for Mission: Family Life Christian Day Care Center

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Christ Is Alive"

*Organ Postlude

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

*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, MAY 10 – MOTHER'S DAY

GREETERS: Verhagen Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, and Lisa Triemstra

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

PIANO: Nicholas Graves

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Mike Decker; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

COFFEE SERVERS: Rick & Amy Veldboom and Clint & Merley Verhagen

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Koster, Cindy Paarlberg, and Merley Verhagen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Russ Paarlberg

MONDAY, MAY 11

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

6:30PM: Congregational meeting in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MAY 14

6:30PM: Faith Committee meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, MAY 17

GREETERS: Steve and Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude

VIDEO: Keith Flowers

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sarah Jabaay

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Nyla DeGraff, and Gerri VanBaren

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

CARE & PRAYER...

Joanne Hoeksema will begin chemo treatments for cancer early this summer. Please pray for complete healing with minimal side effects.

Eric Pradelski is struggling with intense, flaring nerve pain. He has found a new psychiatry provider who ran lab work on Friday, May 1. He is also in the midst of mental health diagnosis testing and nervous system function level testing and has an EEG on May 11 and a testing appointment on May 21. Please pray for patience, clarity, and guidance for Eric and his medical team.

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.

Craig Nelson has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Also, Craig and Jan's son, **Christopher**, is undergoing a difficult new treatment for his cancer and has been admitted to the hospital.

Pastor Rich Grevengoed underwent heart surgery on Thursday, April 30 at Christ Hospital.

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

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Harriet DeYoung, Elevate Health Care, 16300 Wausau Ave., South Holland, IL 60473

ON DUTY FOR MAY 10...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Bill Nyhanna

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 this **Tuesday, May 12**, from 6:30-7:30pm 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.

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.

IN YOUR MAIL SLOTS is a packet with the minutes from the 2025 Congregational Meeting and the proposed annual budgets for 2026/2027. Please review and take this packet along with you to our annual Congregational Meeting on **Tuesday, May 12** at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL & DAY CARE GRADUATION is scheduled for **Friday, June 5**, at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary. All First Church members are invited to come and support our families in the Family Life Christian Day Care Program.

THE CLOTHING CLOSET will be open this month on **Thursday, May 21**. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Anthony Bolkema. The Clothing Closet will be open from 4:00-6:00pm, as well as approximately 30-45 minutes before and after those time slots for setup and cleanup.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE is excited to share a special part of their monthly learning with our congregation. Each month, the children focus on a Bible verse, and for the month of May, they are learning **Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."** We invite you to join them in their journey by learning and reflecting on this verse together as an opportunity for our whole church family to grow in faith together.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) will meet on, **Sunday, May 17**, 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 contact Pastor Anthony.

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.

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!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

EVENING OF THANKSGIVING: Chicagoland Prison Outreach Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 19** at the Tinley Park Convention Center, celebrating 32 years of God's faithfulness. 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. 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 14:1-24
“Bad Situation, Good Confirmation”
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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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.