

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 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!

PENTECOST SUNDAY May 24, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"

"Trusting Jesus"

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Standing on the Promises of God"

"Let It Rise"

"Forever"

Prayer of Confession

Anthony Bolkema

*Song of Assurance

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 15:1-21

Message

"New Testament Before the Old Testament"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Anthony Bolkema

Offering

"Amazing Grace" & "Nearer My God, To Thee"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Spirit of the Living God"

*Organ Postlude

"God of Our Fathers"

*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...

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24

GREETERS: Jim and Bonnie DeGroot

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Jeffrey & Joe Fransen, Lisa Triemstra, and Liam VanderWoude

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Nicholas Graves

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Amber Fransen, Joanne Hoeksema, and Deb Woltzen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Larry DeYoung

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 25

Church Office and Family Life Christian Daycare will be closed

FRIDAY, MAY 29

6:00PM: CPO Women of Hope Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 31

GREETERS: Veldboom Family

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

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Diana Abernathy, Linda Capone, and Mykah Lett

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

CARE & PRAYER...

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

Rhonda DeBok will have testing on her heart Monday, May 27. Please pray for peace and that all will go well.

Eric Pradelski is struggling with intense, flaring nerve pain and is in the midst of mental health diagnosis testing and nervous system function level testing. Please pray for patience, clarity, and guidance for Eric and his medical team.

Mark Spiekhout was transferred to Ignite Rehab in Dyer to continue his recovery from hip surgery.

Ellie Schmidt, great niece of Rick and Lisa Triemstra, is home after having surgery on May 11 to remove a large tumor in her brain. Pray for complete healing and peace of mind for her family.

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 is home after undergoing heart surgery in April.

Joyce Novak, Linda Capone's mother, will be having a lung biopsy on Friday, May 29. 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: Anne Koval, 713 E. 156th Pl., South Holland, IL 60473

ON DUTY FOR MAY...

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Jessica DeBok

CHURCH LIFE...

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION for your nominations, attendance, and vote at this year's congregational meeting. The following members were elected to office: Elders: Larry DeYoung, Rhonda Hesselink, Clair Hoeksema and Steve VanderWoude. Deacons: Tim DeYoung, Grant Sikkema, Travis Stirling and Dennis Woltzen. Trustees: Nyla DeGraff, Steve DeVries and Rich Zimmerman. The Consistory and congregation take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the leading of these individuals to service in our church. We pray for God's blessings on each of them as they lead and serve among us. We also bless God for the humble leadership and service of Don DeGraff, Russ Paarlberg, Clint Verhagen, Randy DeBok, Sara Jabaay, Lisa Triemstra, and Noreen VanDeursen, who are outgoing members of Consistory.

OUR FOOD PANTRY continues to serve many families in our community and beyond and your support makes a real difference. We invite you to help by bringing in non-perishable food items now through the end of June. Donations can be left on a special food pantry table set up in the Fellowship Hall.

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 next month on **Thursday, June 25**. 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.

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).

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 submit to 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.

REMINDERS....

BE SURE TO CHECK the table in the Fellowship Hall for any platters, serving trays, plates, or other items that may belong to you! The table will be up through the month of May, so please make sure you take home anything that belongs to you before then.

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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on **Monday, May 25**. Join us as we gather to honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to our country. The parade will begin at 11am and travel along South Park Avenue from 170th Street to Veterans Memorial Park. A Remembrance Ceremony will follow at 1:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park. We invite all residents and guests to attend this meaningful day of remembrance and community reflection.

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!



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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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.

SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Genesis 15:1-21

"New Testament Before the Old Testament"

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