

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

Life can be confusing, overwhelming, and sometimes scary.
But you don't have to face it alone:
God's Word offers wisdom,
The Holy Spirit offers presence,
and the Church offers community.

For more than 175 years, First Reformed Church has been gathering every week for worship, for fellowship, and for equipping. Whatever your struggle, whatever your song, whatever your burden, this is the right place to be today!

We're glad you're with us as we enter a new week together with the gracious forgiveness, warm welcome, and courageous hope we receive from Jesus.

TRINITY SUNDAY May 31, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
"All Glory Be to God on High"
"Hymn to the Trinity"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Let All Things Now Living"
"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"
"Abide"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Song of Assurance

"Jesus Strong and Kind"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 15:1-21

Message

"New Testament Before the Old Testament"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Russ Paarlberg

Offering

"How Great Thou Art"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"Spirit of the Living God"

*Organ Postlude

"Trust and Obey"

*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 31

GREETERS: Veldboom Family

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

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Mike Decker

NURSERY: 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

MONDAY, JUNE 1

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

8:30-11:30AM: Leaders' Retreat in the Chapel

1:00PM-4:00PM: OASIS Service Project with the Exodus Projects

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

GREETERS: Wooley Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema

PIANO: Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

COFFEE SERVERS: Steve & Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

CARE & PRAYER...

Faye Gowens was admitted to Ingalls Hospital and is awaiting test results. Pray that she receives answers for her health concerns and for peace and patience for her and her family.

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

Rhonda DeBok completed testing on her heart Wednesday, May 27. Please pray for peace and that the results are positive.

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.

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 in May to remove a large tumor in her brain.

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.

Joyce Novak, Linda Capone's mother, underwent a lung biopsy on 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...

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to the 2026 graduates within our congregation: **Nia and Nahria Clark, Elijah Capone, Jessica DeBok, Liam VanderWoude, Ian Verhagen, and Aaron Wooley.** We celebrate your accomplishments and rejoice in the plan that God has for you!

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SUNDAY for Elders & Deacons will be next **Sunday, June 7.** Please join us in affirming the call that God has placed on each of these individual's lives.

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 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.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE is excited to share a special part of their monthly learning. To close out 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 learn and reflect on this verse together as a church family.

REMINDERS....

BE SURE TO VISIT THE WELCOME CENTERS to sign up for church events and sign cards for our shut-ins!

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.

PLEASE CONTACT the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

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!

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!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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!

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH & THE EXODUS PROJECTS: Mark your calendars for our fourth annual charity golf tournament on July 22 at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood. Check in begins at 8:00am and a shotgun start is at 9:00am. Registration is now open online at www.cpoministries.org/golf. See Corey Buchanan or Nikki Nyhanna for more information.



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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...

"New Testament Before the Old Testament"

Genesis 15:1-21

Pastor Corey Buchanan

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