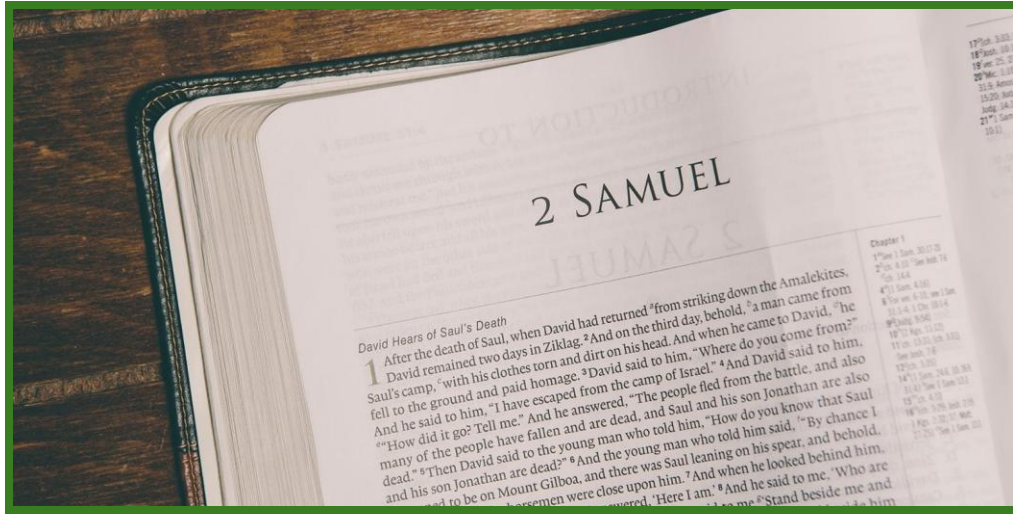


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost, June 28, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

At First Church one of the best ways we can grow together is through Sunday morning worship. Here, you'll find a warm and welcoming community of people from all different walks of life gathered together in unity to lift high the name of Jesus.

We do this in all sorts of different ways. We sing new songs with guitars and old songs with an organ. We pray new prayers from the heart and ancient prayers of the faith. We preach the same Good News of Jesus Christ in new and fresh ways in hopes of intersecting the Word of God with the stories of our lives.

Whether you grew up Catholic, married a Baptist, or anything in between, you'll find a home in worship here at First Church.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"
"Come, Thou Almighty King"
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Song of Assurance

"Christ Our Hope In Life and Death"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

II Samuel 15:17-23

Message

"God of the Most Unlikely Brotherhood"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Roger DeGraff

Offering

"Soul's Voice"

*Doxology

*Benediction

Pastor Joshua Speyers

*Sending in Grace

"Spirit of the Living God"

*Organ Postlude

"We Praise Thee"

*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, JUNE 28

GREETERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, and Abby Veldboom

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

PIANO: Nick Graves

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Mike Decker

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Becky Wright

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Pastor Anthony Bolkema

MONDAY, JUNE 29

9:30AM: Peacemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Family Life Christian Day Care and Church Office will be closed.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Larry DeYoung

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Julia Keep, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra

PIANO: Pastor Anthony Bolkema

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Sara Jabaay, and Deb Woltzen

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Rhonda Hesselink

CARE & PRAYER...

Mary Koster has been admitted to Franciscan Hospital in Dyer and is awaiting test results. Please pray for peace of mind and quick healing.

George Dinkel is in intensive care at Palos Hospital after suffering a fall. Please pray for his quick recovery and a return back home.

Faye Gowens has returned home and is recovering and regaining her strength. Pray for her ongoing healing, for patience, and for strength.

Joanne Hoeksema began a series of chemotherapy infusions that will continue for eighteen weeks. Please pray for minimal side effects throughout her treatment.

Dennis Woltzen has been placed on an anti-viral medication and is improving. He has returned home for ongoing recovery. Please pray for his continued improvement and for wisdom and clarity for his care team.

Kathy Rhodes has begun therapy three times per week on her shoulder. Pray for steady progress, renewed mobility, and a full recovery.

Dacia Hill is recuperating at home following a procedure earlier this month. Please pray for renewed health, patience during the healing process, and a smooth recovery.

Eric Pradelski has been diagnosed with autism, anxiety, and attention deficit disorder, and is working closely with his doctors for ongoing support and guidance. Please pray for wisdom, understanding, and encouragement for Eric and his medical team.

Mark Spiekhout has returned home and will continue therapy there. Pray for strength and steady improvement in the weeks ahead.

Craig Nelson has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). In addition, Craig and Jan's son, **Christopher**, has begun a challenging new cancer treatment. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Peter Olthoff underwent emergency gallbladder surgery in May. Please pray for renewed strength, complete recovery, and continued support from his caregivers.

David Gardiner, grandson of Jean Spiekhout, is battling a brain tumor. Please pray for comfort, strength, and wisdom for his medical team as they care for him.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN. 46373

CHURCH LIFE...

THANK YOU to all who made donations to the church food pantry in June! Your generosity will help countless families both in our community and beyond. The donation table will come down for the month of July, but ongoing donations can always be dropped off at the church office.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT: Tucked within our campus is a beautiful display of lilies that many people may pass by without ever seeing. This peaceful space is lovingly maintained by our dedicated Weed and Feed volunteer team, whose hard work and care help keep our grounds welcoming and vibrant. Their efforts create small places of beauty that bless our church family and visitors alike. Be sure to take a peek as you walk through the breezeway from the Fellowship Hall towards the education wing of our campus!



PRAYER AT THE GATES will take place on the corner of 154th and South Park Avenue on **Saturday, July 4** from 8:00-8:30am. Please join our church and cover the Village of South Holland in prayer.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING SOON! Plans are underway for the upcoming Sunday School year, and more information will be shared in the coming weeks. As we prepare, we will be looking for teachers and classroom aides who are willing to invest in the faith formation of our children. An info table will be available beginning today, **June 28**, for anyone interested in learning more about serving in this important ministry.

FAMILY LIFE VERSE OF THE MONTH: Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

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...

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY at the Village of South Holland's annual 4th of July Celebration from 12:00-4:00pm. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of free live music, games, roller skating, bounce houses, a petting zoo, and more. Food will be available for purchase. Fireworks Celebration: Gates open at 6:00pm and close promptly at 9:00pm. Admission is free for South Holland residents with valid proof of residency. Non-residents will require a ticket: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the gate (children 5 and under are free).

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH & THE EXODUS PROJECTS: Mark your calendars for our fourth annual charity golf tournament on **Wednesday, July 22** at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood, beginning at 8:00am. Registration is now open online at www.cpoministries.org/golf. See Nikki Nyhanna for more information.

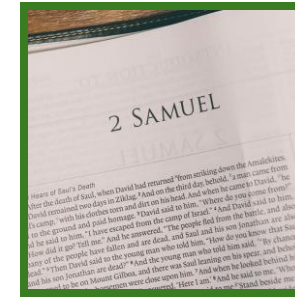
SERMON NOTES...

“God of the Most Unlikely Brotherhood”

II Samuel 15:17-23

Pastor Joshua Speyers

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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9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

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Find us in the app store by searching for

"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.