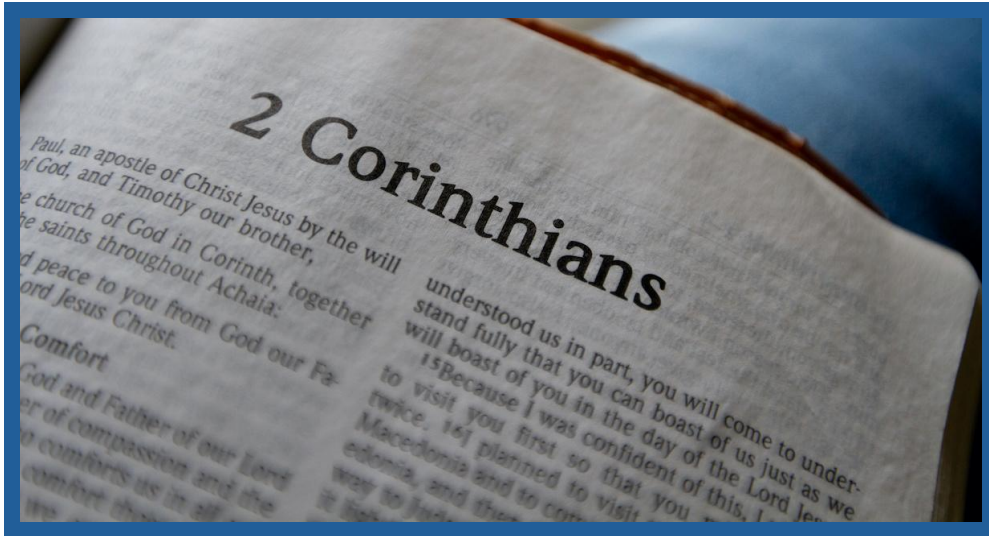


# FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost, July 5, 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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 5, 2026

### WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"When I Can Read My Title Clear"*

*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

*"Old Hundredth"*

\*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

\*Congregational Worship

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

*"Beautiful Savior"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

\*Song of Assurance

*"Turn Your Eyes"*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

II Corinthians 4

Message

*"Don't Lose Heart"*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

Song of Response

*"Be, Thou, My Vision"*

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Offering

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

\*Sending in Grace

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

\*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, JULY 5

**GREETERS:** Barry Voss and Larry DeYoung

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

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**PIANO:** Pastor Anthony Bolkema

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PROJECTION:** Liam VanderWoude

**VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Rick and Amy Veldboom and Jim and Bonnie DeGroot

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

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Rhonda Hesselink

### MONDAY, JULY 6

**7:00PM:** Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, JULY 7

**4:30PM:** Community Garden Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

**7:30AM:** ACT Meeting in the Heritage Room

**6:00PM:** Family Life CPD Board Meeting

### FRIDAY, JULY 10

**9:00AM-5:00PM:** Oasis trip to Deep River Water Park

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, JULY 12

**GREETERS:** Verhagen Family

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Rhonda DeBok, Nikki Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

**PIANO:** Nick Graves

**SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Tate

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Clint and Merley Verhagen

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Rhonda DeBok, Nancy DeVries and Lisa Triemstra

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Clair Hoeksema

## *CARE & PRAYER...*

**Mary Koster** has been able to return home and is doing well. Thank you for your prayers and care.

**George Dinkel** has been released from the hospital after suffering from a fall. Please pray for his quick and ongoing recovery.

**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.

**Joseph Arojojoye** has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for clarity and peace as he navigates this diagnosis.

**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.

**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.

**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:** Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, #154, 3633 Breaker Dr., Olympia Fields, IL 60461

## *CHURCH LIFE...*

**THANK YOU, FIRST CHURCH** for the many prayers, cards, and visits from Anthony, Corey, Steve and others. Your prayers supported me and strengthened my faith; thank you for being such a caring church. – Mark Spiekhout

**CLOTHING CLOSET:** We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. The Clothing Closet will be open on **Thursday, July 23**. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Anthony Bolkema. The clothing closet will be open from 4pm-6pm, 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...*

**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 is available in the Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in learning more about serving in this important ministry.

**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 July, they are learning **James 1:2-3: "Count it all joy. For the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."** We invite you to join them on 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 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...*

**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](http://www.cpoministries.org/golf). See Nikki Nyhanna for more information.

### *ON DUTY FOR JULY 5*

**First Security:** Steve VanderWoude

**First Emergency:** Bill Nyhanna

*SERMON NOTES...*

“Don’t Lose Heart”  
II Corinthians 4  
Rev. Dave Veldhorst

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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.