

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost, July 12, 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 12, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

"Sanctuary Prayer"

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Congregational Worship

"Praise The Lord (Psalm 150)"

"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

"Kyrie Eleison"

*Song of Assurance

"Nothing But The Blood"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

II Kings 5:1-14

Message

"Skin Exam, Heart Exam"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Judy Gill

Offering

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"Spirit of the Living God"

*Organ Postlude

"Psalm 22"

*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 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: Kim Bolkema and Dacia Hill

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Nancy DeVries and Lisa Triemstra

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clair Hoeksema

MONDAY, JULY 13

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall

7:00PM: Quarterly Consistory Meeting in the Genesis Room

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

THURSDAY, JULY 16

2:00PM: CPO Graduation in the Genesis Room

SUNDAY, JULY 19

GREETERS: Bolkema Family

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

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

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

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Pam Costello, Nancy DeVries and Joanne Hoeksema

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim Bosman

CARE & PRAYER...

George Dinkel has returned home and continues his recovery after a fall. Please pray for his 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 continues recovering at home and is improving daily. Please pray for his ongoing health 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 Arojoye has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for clarity and peace as he navigates this diagnosis.

Eric Pradelski has recently received diagnoses of autism, anxiety, and attention deficit disorder and is working with his doctors as he navigates ongoing care and support. Due to exhaustion and burnout, he has also taken the next two weeks away from work to focus on his well-being. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Eric and his medical team, along with strength, peace, understanding, and encouragement during this time.

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: Jean Spiekhout, Hartsfield Village, #1107, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

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

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Larry DeYoung and family in the passing of his mother, Harriet DeYoung, on June 5.

WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT: Brian Blummer. Brian is the Director of Enrollment at Mid-America Reformed Seminary and is currently pursuing ordination in the PCA. He was raised at Thorn Creek Church in South Holland, and now he and his wife, Stefanie, and son, Isaac, are members of Covenant Fellowship Church-South Holland. Brian was a chaplain for the State of Indiana before joining Mid-America admissions.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in learning more about what it means to become a member of First Reformed Church? Whether you are interested in joining or just have a whole bunch of questions about the church you'd like answered, please talk with Pastor Anthony or Pastor Corey. Classes will run on Sundays at 10:45am on August 16, August 23, August 30 and September 13.

JOIN US FOR A FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY! Join us on Sunday, July 26, at 11:00am for our first ever FRC Garden Party! Enjoy a simple lunch, sweet treats, and time to connect with one another while exploring our community garden to see what's growing this season. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax, build friendships, and enjoy God's creation together. Sign up at one of the Welcome Centers in the Fellowship Hall or Narthex now!

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...

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 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...

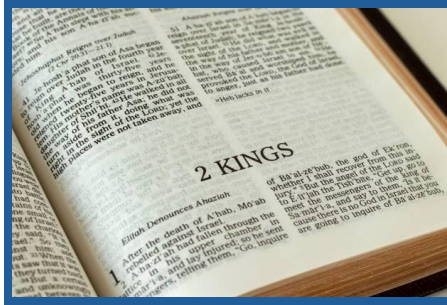
BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL is sponsoring an event on Wednesday, July 15 from 3:00pm–8:00pm at the Culver's in Cedar Lake, IN. Culver's will proudly donate 20% of all sales to the Bible League. Mention the Bible League when ordering. Any questions, call Becky Wright or Judy Gill. Thank you for your support!

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.

ON DUTY FOR JULY

First Security: Steve VanderWoude

First Emergency: Jessica DeBok



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM / Monday – Friday

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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.

SERMON NOTES...

Brian Blummer

II Kings 5:1-14

“Skin Exam, Heart Exam”

1. Observation: the skin exam
“Surface deep,” and the presenting issue

2. Interpretation: the heart exam
Hebrews 4:12; and the root cause

— “Little” servant and the kings (Psalm 8:2)

— The prophet (1 Kings 8:43) and his servant

— More servants, and Naaman like a “little” child

3. Application: use whose heart for the transplant?
Jeremiah 29:7; Luke 4:24,27-29

A. Not Israel’s

B. Not mine either

C. But a raised Servant (Phil. 2:5-11)

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 (or you can join her or him in prayer for our church).