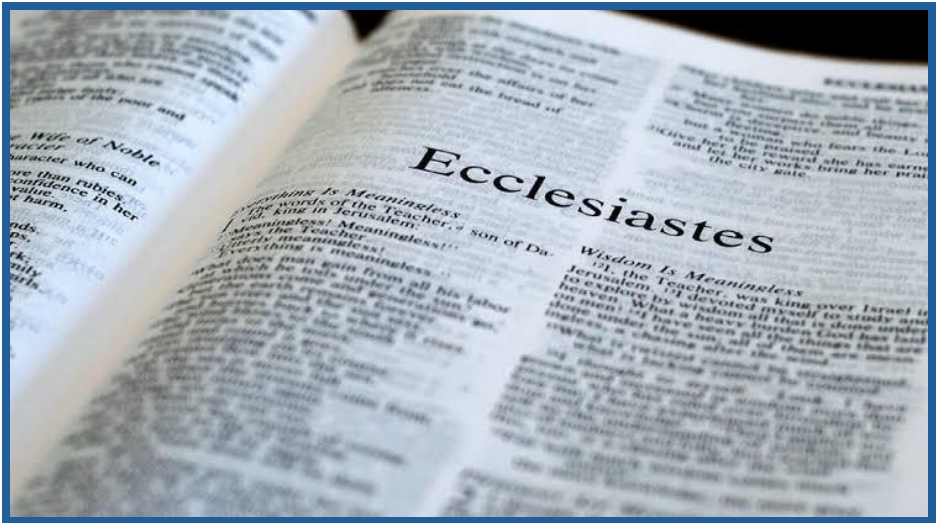


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND July 26, 2026



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.

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST July 26, 2026 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude *"Jesus Is All the World to Me"*
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"; "God Be With You"
"Give Me Jesus"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Worship *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*
"Psalm 62"
"Praise the Name of Jesus"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Song of Assurance *"The Solid Rock"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Ecclesiastes 4
Message *"A World That Never Satisfies" – Reverend Peter Vos*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Offering *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"*
*Doxology
*Benediction
*Sending in Grace *"God Be With You"*
*Organ Postlude *"We Are One in the Spirit"*
*Those who are able please stand.

Please, join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

CARE & PRAYER...

Doris Boomsma was taken by ambulance to Franciscan Dyer Hospital for testing due to an expected heart condition. Please pray for clear results from that testing and that she can return home quickly.

Clarence Brouwers was at Franciscan Hospital to have a stent put in and has returned home. Pray that he continues to heal and gain strength from this procedure.

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 will have her third chemo treatment this Thursday, July 30. Thank you for the continued prayers for minimum side effects, patience, and strength.

Kathy Rhodes continues 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. 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), he also will be having neck surgery on July 28. 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: Myrna Eytcheson, Clarendale Six Corners, 715 W. Irving Road, Chicago, IL 60691

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, JULY 26

GREETERS: Steve and Alison VanderWoude
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Robert Wooley, and Benjamin Wooley
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Nick Graves
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude **VIDEO:** Lucas VanderWoude
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nikki Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Mary Bosman and Ray & Barb Housman
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Cindy Paarlberg and Gerri VanBaren
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

MONDAY, JULY 27

9:30AM: Piece Makers meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JULY 30

7:00PM-9:30PM: OASIS Space Golf

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

GREETERS: Jim & Bonnie DeGroot
WORSHIP TEAM: Dacia Hill, Peter and Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Mike Decker
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen
COFFEE SERVERS: Steve & Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

CHURCH LIFE...

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME Reverend Peter Vos to our pulpit. Reverend Vos comes to us from Orland Park CRC, and has graciously agreed to share a Sunday morning with us.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Viola VanDam who passed away July 18. There will be a service at church on **Saturday, August 8 at 11:00am.**

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.**

FRC GARDEN PARTY! Join us today, **Sunday, July 26, at 11:00am**, in the Activity Center 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.

SPECIAL CONSISTORY MEETING: A brief meeting for Consistory members will be held today, **Sunday, July 26, from 10:50am-11:05am** in the Genesis room.

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 verse of the month: **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!

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

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

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING YOU'VE LOST? You can find our Lost and Found in the hallway just north of the kitchen, at the bottom of the stairs leading to the parking lot. Check there for your missing coat, pair of glasses, lost earrings, or anything else you may have misplaced!

ON DUTY FOR JULY:

First Security: Steve VanderWoude

First Emergency: Jessica DeBok

SERMON NOTES...

“A World That Never Satisfies”

Ecclesiastes 4

Reverend Peter Vos

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).



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM / Monday – Friday

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Jane Ackerman
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Nikki Nyhanna
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

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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.