

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Communion Sunday, August 2, 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.

COMMUNION SUNDAY August 2, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"
"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Prayer of Confession

*Song of Assurance

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 22:28-32

Message

"Prayer is Essential to Evangelism"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Nikki Nyhanna

Offering

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"God Be With You"

*Organ Postlude

"Hymn of Promise"

*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 has been able to return home from the hospital. We rejoice that she is home and continues in her healing journey.

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 has completed three rounds of chemo. She will be having an abdominal CT scan in the middle of August to compare images from the first CT before chemo began. A meal train has been set up if you would like to provide a meal. Contact the church office if you'd like to sign up or use the link here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/Orl815>

Kathy Rhodes continues therapy on her shoulder. Pray for steady progress, renewed mobility, and a full recovery.

Joseph Arojoyoye 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 is also recovering from 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: Norma Smit, 257 Deer Trail Lane, Schererville, IN 46375

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

GREETERS: Jim and Bonnie DeGroot

WORSHIP TEAM: Dacia Hill, Peter and Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Lisa Triemstra

PIANO: Amy Veldboom

ORGAN: Bonnie Feenstra

SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

PROJECTION: Gwen Adams

VIDEO: Mike Decker

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

COFFEE SERVERS: Steve and Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Mary Bosman, and Nikki Nyhanna

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Joanne Hoeksema

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

GREETERS: Veldboom Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, Nikki Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg

PIANO: Nick Graves

ORGAN: Steve DeVries

SOUND: Lucas Bolkema

PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude

VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Don and Nyla DeGraff and Gerri VanBaren

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Judy Gill, and Katie Sikkema

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Steve VanderWoude

CHURCH LIFE...

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME Pastor Willard High today. Pastor High is the former pastor of Shepherd's Community Church and a faithful friend to First Reformed Church.

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.**

ANTHONY AND KIM BOLKEMA will be away August 1–8 celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary and will have very limited access to phone and email during the week. If you have any questions, prayer requests, or other church needs, please contact the church office, and we'll be happy to assist you or connect you with the appropriate person. Please join us in congratulating Anthony and Kim on this wonderful milestone and pray that they enjoy a joy-filled week.

MY DEAR FIRST CHURCH FAMILY, a heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, visits, texts, cards, and phone calls you gifted me with in my recent hospitalization and recuperation. I am so blessed to have recovered quickly and give all the glory to God, the medical staff, and the prayers of His people. A special thank you to Pastors Anthony and Corey for their visit and prayers. God is so good! -- Mary Koster

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.**

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!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 22, at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a kickoff breakfast, handing out the new study guides, and watching the first video of our study.

This year, our DVD study will be by Jennifer Rothschild:

“Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight.” We will join Jennifer as she explores the subject of heaven from a Biblical perspective. As we delve into this study, we will gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children and also how to live with confidence today as we look forward to the glorious unending that awaits.

The cost of the study guide is \$24.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). If you are an Amazon Prime member you may order your own study guide. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Sept 8 if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. Hope you can attend!

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.

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST:

First Security: Barry Voss **First Emergency:** Bill Nyhanna

SERMON NOTES...

“Prayer is Essential to Evangelism”

Luke 22:28-32

Pastor Willard High

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

STAFF...

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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.