

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Sunday, August 16, 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.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH August 16, 2026 WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	<i>"Almighty King: My Vision"</i> <i>"Ancient Words"</i>
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Worship	<i>"All Creatures of Our God & King"</i> <i>"Standing on the Promises of God"</i> <i>"Great is Thy Faithfulness"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Song of Assurance	<i>"We Confess"</i>
Song of Preparation	<i>"Open Our Eyes, Lord"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	II Timothy 2:15
Message	"Expositional Preaching"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
Offering	
*Doxology	
*Benediction	
*Sending in Grace	<i>"O Word of God Incarnate"</i>
*Organ Postlude	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>
*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...

Joseph Arojoye is beginning his second week of six weeks of radiation for cancer treatment. Please pray for peace and strength as he navigates this treatment.

Nia Clark left for boot camp in the Marine Corps last week. Please pray for her safety and security as she navigates this new role in life and for her family as they miss and care for her.

Clarence Brouwers has been able to return home and is doing well. Pray for his continued strength and rejoice in his healing.

George Dinkel has been released from the hospital and is in rehab at Marion Joy in Wheaton, he hopes to return home soon. Please pray for his quick and ongoing recovery.

Joanne Hoeksema completed multiple rounds of chemo. She will be having an abdominal CT scan the middle of August to compare images from the first CT before chemo began. Pray for favorable test results.

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

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 some time away from work to focus on his well-being. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Eric and his medical team, along with strength, understanding, and encouragement during this time.

Craig Nelson had successful neck surgery on July 28th. 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: Anne Koval, 713 E. 156th Place, South Holland, IL 60473

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- GREETERS:** Wooley Family
- WORSHIP TEAM:** Jeffery Fransen, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Kim Bolkema, Bella VanderWoude, Liam VanderWoude and Abby Veldboom
- PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema
- SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink
- PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers
- VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok
- NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
- COFFEE SERVERS:** Rick & Amy Veldboom and Rodger & Sherry Norris
- COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Amber Fransen, Alison VanderWoude and Becky Wright
- PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Roger DeGraff

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

12:00PM: CPO Graduation in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- 10:00AM:** First Impressions meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:00AM:** Calvin Christian School Convocation in the Sanctuary
- 7:00PM:** Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- GREETERS:** Sikkema Family
- WORSHIP TEAM:** Nick Paarlberg, Bill Nyhanna, Kim Bolkema, Robert Wooley, Benjamin Wooley and Dacia Hill
- PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
- SOUND:** Aaron Wooley
- PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema
- NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Nikki Nyhanna
- COFFEE SERVERS:** Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Gwen Adams
- COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma and Sherry Norris
- PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Clair Hoeksema

CHURCH LIFE...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Shirley VanDeursen who passed away on August 14th. Details on services will be shared as they are determined.

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 starting today, August 16, and continuing, August 23, August 30 and September 13.**

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY is Sunday, September 20. This is a special opportunity for us to reach beyond our church walls and invite friends, family, neighbors, and others who may be looking for a church home or have been away from church for a while. Churches across the country will be participating in this special day of welcome and outreach. More information to come, but we are excited to come together as a church family, ready to welcome our guests and show them the love of Christ and the community we share.

REMINDERS...

DEAR COOKIE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please look in your mailbox for the schedule for September-December 2026. Thank you for your participation in making our fellowship time so special and delicious!

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.

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!

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. We 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: **Isaiah 58:11. "The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."** 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

OUR GIFTS...

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Total: \$5,518.07 (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Memorial Gift Viola VanDam: \$25.00

Reach 175: \$338.08 **UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$183,519.01**

SERMON NOTES...

Pastor Corey Buchanan
“Expositional Preaching”
II Timothy 2:15

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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more information about the life of First Church,
make sure to include your email address.