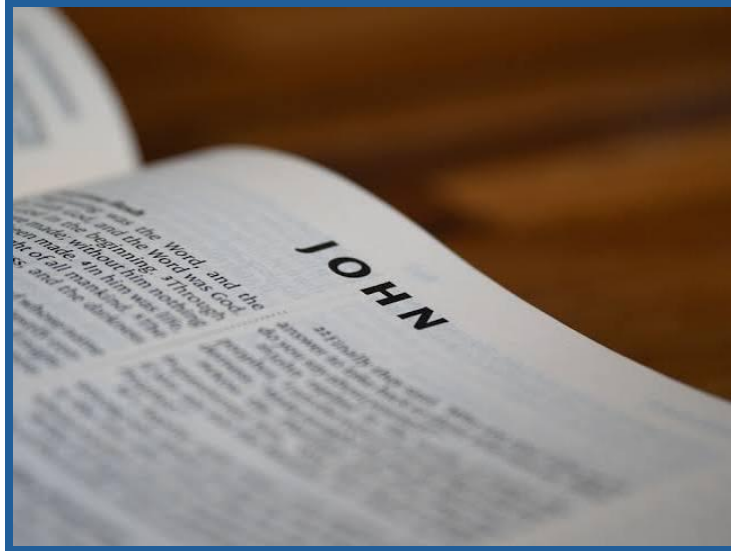


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Communion Sunday, September 13, 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.

We pray that you'll sense the power and presence of God in our worship this morning and that you will feel welcomed and encouraged throughout the service this morning.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

September 13, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	<i>"Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"</i> <i>"Chorale from 'Nocturne'"</i> <i>"Hiding in Thee"</i>
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)"</i> <i>"I Sing The Mighty Power of God"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Song of Assurance	<i>"Grace Flows Down"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	John 1:35-51
Message	"Behold the Lamb!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Larry DeYoung
Offering	<i>"Jacob's Vision"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	
*Sending in Grace	<i>"One Race, One Gospel, One Task"</i>
*Organ Postlude	
*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...

Jean Spiekhout was moved to hospice care on Wednesday, September 9. Please keep Jean and her family in your prayers, asking God to surround them with His peace, comfort, and presence during this time.

Joseph Arojoye is completing his final week of radiation treatment for cancer. Please pray for peace, strength, and endurance as he continues through this treatment.

Joanne Hoeksema has completed multiple rounds of chemotherapy. She recently underwent an abdominal CT scan, which showed no significant changes. Please continue to pray for healing, strength, and encouragement in the days ahead.

Beverly VanderMolen has been admitted to the ICU at Franciscan Hospital in Munster. Please pray for Beverly, her medical team, and her loved ones during this time.

Kathy Rhodes continues therapy for her shoulder. Please 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 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, peace, understanding, and encouragement during this time.

Craig Nelson had successful neck surgery in July and continues his recovery. In addition, Craig and Jan's son, **Christopher**, has begun a challenging new cancer treatment. Please keep Craig, Jan, Christopher, and their entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

David Gardiner, grandson of Jean Spiekhout, is battling a brain tumor. Please pray for David's comfort and strength, as well as wisdom and guidance for his medical team as they care for him.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Anita Decker-Steenbergen, 15959 Marian Drive, South Holland, IL 60473

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

GREETERS: Barry Voss and Larry DeYoung
WORSHIP TEAM: Rhonda DeBok, Julia Keep, Peter Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg and Lisa Triemstra
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Anna Sikkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Dave & Becky Wright and Roger & Judy Gill
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Steve VanderWoude

10:45AM: Congregational Meeting
11:30AM: “Gather and Grill” Church Picnic in the Activity Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: Music Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
7:00PM: Elders & Deacons meet

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

GREETERS: Clint & Merley Verhagen
WORSHIP TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema and Grant Sikkema
PIANO: Anthony Bolkema
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nikki Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Roger & Laurel DeGraff and Faye Gowens
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Mary Koster and Gerri VanBaren
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clair Hoeksema

CHURCH LIFE...

The family of **Shirley VanDeursen** would like to say thank you for all the cards and many expressions of sympathy received in her passing. Special thanks to all the people who took the time to visit her at Park Place the past three years, it was greatly appreciated.
-- Noreen and Don VanDeursen

GATHER AND GRILL: Our annual church picnic is today **Sunday, September 13**, starting at 11:30am. Burgers and hot dogs will be served in the Activity Center. Drinks and a special ice cream and float station will be set up for dessert! Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, games, delicious food, a celebration of the end of summer!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a brief but important congregational meeting immediately following the worship service today, **Sunday, September 13**. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide the congregation with important updates on church staffing. Please make every effort to join us this for this time together.

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. We invite our congregation to bring home special **BACK TO CHURCH** invitations and share them with friends, neighbors, coworkers and others, inviting them to join us at church on this special Sunday and beyond! Invitations for you to share with others were left on church pews this morning, please take one or more to share with others!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

SAVE THE DATE! Elim Dutch Festival is September 26 at Elim Christian School in Crestwood, IL. Please join us for a day of fun, friends, and fantastic Dutch food and treats. Help us make this day a success in supporting the ministry of children and adults with disabilities!

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.

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...

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF: On **Sunday, September 20**, we will celebrate the start of the new Sunday School season! Students are invited to join in the fun in the Genesis Room at 11:00am for a time of singing and activities to kick off the new learning year. Sunday School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 27**.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 22, at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. We hope you can attend!

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDIES begin on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30pm. A signup sheet for the women's Bible Study is available at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office or Alison VanderWoude with questions. For questions about the men's Bible Study, please contact the church office or Steve VanderWoude.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE verse of the month: **Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."** 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.

SERMON NOTES...

“Behold the Lamb!”

John 1:35-51

Brian Gardner

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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Nikki Nyhanna
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