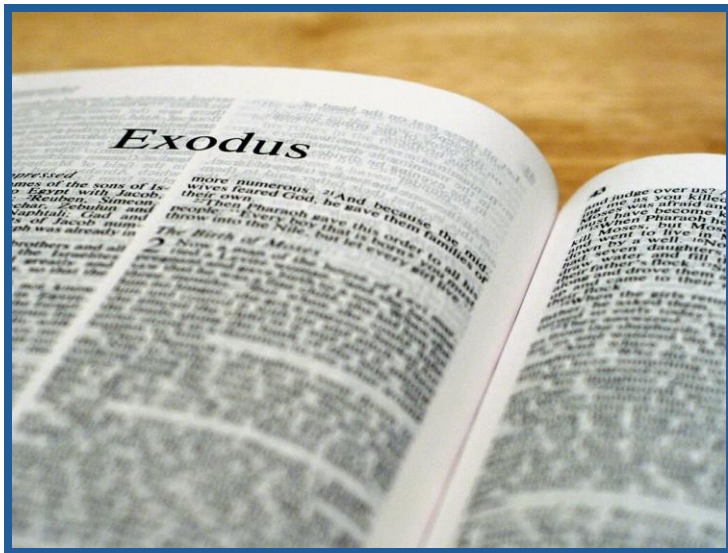


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sunday, September 27, 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.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude *"Amidst the Thronging Worshipers"*
"He Leadeth Me"
"Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship *"God of Creation, All-Powerful"*
"10,000 Reasons"
"Blessed Be The Name of the Lord"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Anthony Bolkema

*Song of Assurance *"God is So Good / Jesus Loves Me"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Exodus 18:1-27

Message "Church Leadership"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Welcome & Reception of New Members

Congregational Prayer Russ Paarlberg

Offering *"The New 23rd"*

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace *"In This Dry Land"*

*Organ Postlude *"Lead Me, Guide Me"*

*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 at Riley House in Munster last week. 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 has completed his final week of radiation treatment for cancer. He also had surgery this past week. Please pray for peace, strength, and endurance as he continues healing.

Joanne Hoeksema completed multiple rounds of chemotherapy and had an MRI on her pancreas on earlier in September. Please continue to pray for healing, strength, and encouragement in the days ahead.

Beverly VanDommelen has been released from Franciscan Hospital in Munster; she is now at Hartsfield Village. Pray for Beverly, her medical team, and her loved ones during this time.

Eric Pradelski remains off work through October 12. The past 19 months have been a difficult season of relearning and rediscovering much of what he has known about himself throughout his life. Please continue to pray that God will guide Eric as he seeks the right path forward in his career and in his relationships with friends and family. Eric is deeply grateful for the many prayer warriors in our church who have continued to lift him up in prayer.

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: Sharon Dinkel, 10300 Village Circle Drive, Unit 1314, Palos Park, IL 60464

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

GREETERS: Dennis & Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg and Lisa Triemstra
PIANO: Nick Graves
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude
VIDEO: Mike Decker
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Joey Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Mary Bosman and Ray & Barb Housman
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Amber Fransen, Julia Keep and Nancy DeVries
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

11:00AM: Sunday School classes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00PM: Music Rehearsal

COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

GREETERS: Bolkema Family
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Steve and Nancy DeVries, Mary Koster, and Gwen Adams
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! We are excited to welcome **Elle Stirling** and **Joseph and Kehinde Arojoye** as new members of First Reformed Church this morning. We celebrate with them as they officially join our church family and look forward to getting to know each other better. Please be sure to say hello and introduce yourself during fellowship this morning! You can also look for Elle's "About Me" on the screens this morning, and Joseph and Kehinde's "About Me" on the screens in October. We're so glad to have you as part of our church family!

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Chairman Ray Housman.

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2026 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

Beginning next Sunday, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect **1000 boxes!** These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000

Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. Please call the church office with any questions. Your donations can be dropped off in the narthex at our Welcome Center or at the blue table in the Fellowship Hall.



REMINDERS...

BE SURE TO VISIT THE WELCOME CENTERS to sign up for church events and sign cards for our shut-ins. Please also remember to empty your mail slots. They have been re-alphabetized, and remember your mail is *above* your name.

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!

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.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN today for all ages from 11:00am - noon. All are welcome to join us as we spend time learning more about God and His Word.

PreK-8th Grade gather to sing, work on memory verses, and collect an offering in the Genesis Room from 11:00-11:20am, then move to their classrooms until noon.

- PreK–2nd Grade meet in the Genesis Room
- 3rd–5th Grade meet in the Library
- 6th–8th Grade meet in the Heritage Room
- 9th–12th Grade meet in the Pastor's Office

Our Tibstra House Sunday School class will meet following the service in the Heritage Room.

The **FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet in The Genesis Room on Tuesday, October 13th, at 9:30am. Please have Session 1, p. 13-43, completed in your study guide. Try to memorize John 14:1-3. Treats will be provided by Megan DeYoung and Toni Jacobs. Hope you can attend.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDIES began this past Wednesday 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...

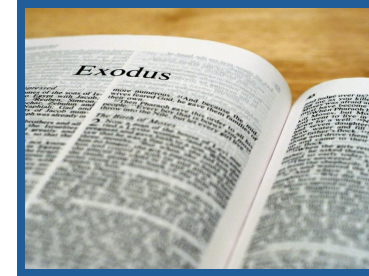
Exodus 18:1-27

(Pulpit Bible: page 115; **Adventure Bible: page 65**)

“Church Leadership”

Pastor Anthony Bolkema and Pastor Corey Buchanan

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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Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nikki Nyhanna
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

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Find us in the app store by searching for
"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting get.theapp.co/1779.



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.