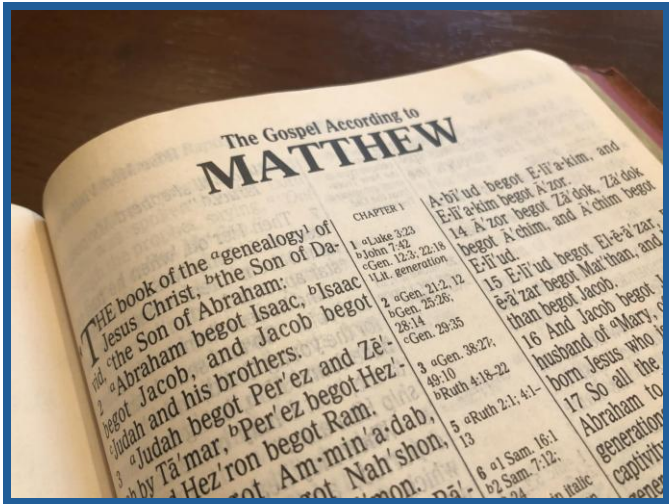


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sunday, October 4, 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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Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude	<i>"Festive Prelude"</i> <i>"I Gave My Life for Thee"</i> <i>"Amazing Grace"</i>
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Worship	<i>"O God Beyond All Praising"</i> <i>"Let It Rise"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Song of Assurance	<i>"My Hope Is In the Lord"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Matthew 28:16-20
Message	"Discipleship & Growth"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord of Hosts"</i> <i>"Love of God"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Don DeGraff
Offering	<i>"Solemn Melody"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Sending in Grace	<i>"In This Dry Land"</i>
*Organ Postlude	<i>"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"</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...

Andy DeBoer is scheduled for lumbar fusion surgery on October 19 at Ingalls Hospital to address weakness in his leg caused by spinal stenosis and other issues with his lower back. Please pray that the surgery is successful and that he will regain strength and mobility in his leg. We give thanks that recent testing related to his prostate and bladder cancer has brought encouraging news.

Henry Boender, great-grandson of **Norma Smit**, has been admitted to Lurie Children’s Hospital for complications following a procedure. He was initially on breathing support but has been weaned off and is breathing independently. Please pray for peace and strength for Henry and his family in this time.

Jean Spiekhout was moved to hospice care at Riley House in Munster in September. 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 in September. 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 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.

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: Anne Koval, 713 E. 156th Place, South Holland, IL 60473

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

GREETERS: Bolkema Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Peter and Julia Keep, Bill Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, and Amy Veldboom
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
ORGAN: Steve DeVries
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Pam Costello
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

11:00AM: Sunday School Classes
6:30PM: OASIS meets in the Loft

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room
7:00PM-9:00PM: OASIS Worship Night in Orland Park

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

GREETERS: Jim and Bonnie DeGroot
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg, Lisa Triemstra, Benjamin Wooley
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Keelyn Sikkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Gerri VanBaren, Don and Noreen VanDeursen
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Judy Gill, and Katie Sikkema
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clair Hoeksema

CHURCH LIFE...

TRUNK N' TREAT is **Friday, October 30**, from 5:00–7:00pm (car trunks needed by 4:45pm). We will once again give the children of South Holland and surrounding areas a safe and fun place to Trunk N' Treat. We need lots of car trunks and lots of candy to make this fun event possible. There is a candy donation table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can leave your candy at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. We also need you to volunteer your 'decorated' or 'undecorated' car trunk. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers in the narthex or the Fellowship Hall. For questions or additional information, please see Nikki Nyhanna or call the church office.

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2026 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

We are excited to be collecting boxes of stuffing for Suburban Access Outreach in Homewood. Our goal as a church is to collect **1000 boxes** and we have currently collected **49 boxes!** All donations will be used by Suburban Access 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 at the blue table in the Fellowship Hall.



WE ARE EXCITED to welcome two new members to our church staff! **Rhonda Hesselink** will be serving as our new **Sunday School Coordinator**, helping guide and support our Sunday School ministry and teachers. **Dacia Hill** will serve as our **Clothing Closet Manager**, overseeing this important outreach ministry and helping us continue to serve our community with care and compassion. Please join us in welcoming them to these new roles and praying for them as they begin their service with us!

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.

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.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CONTINUE 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

Tibstra House Sunday School 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 will meet again next Wednesday, October 14, 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 FOR September: **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."** Thank you for continuing to study and learn this verse alongside our day care students and be on the lookout for a new verse for October!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who made this year's Elim Dutch Festival an amazing success. To those that volunteered to work, baked goodies, and donated craft items: **WE THANK YOU!** Because of the work that was done, the children and adults will be encouraged to reach their life's potential. Please continue to support this ministry in your prayers. To God be the Glory!!
-- Lynn Hoeksema and Judy Gill

SERMON NOTES...

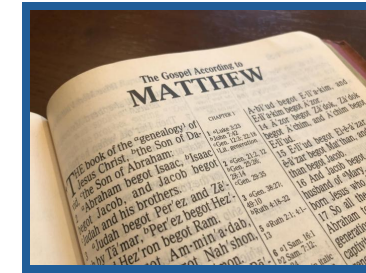
Discipleship & Growth

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Matthew 28:16-20

(Pew Bible: page 1550, [Adventure Bible: page 1092](#))

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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM / Monday – Friday

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Pastor Corey Buchanan
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Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nikki Nyhanna
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Steve Alexander
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Christian Pre-School & Day Care

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"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.