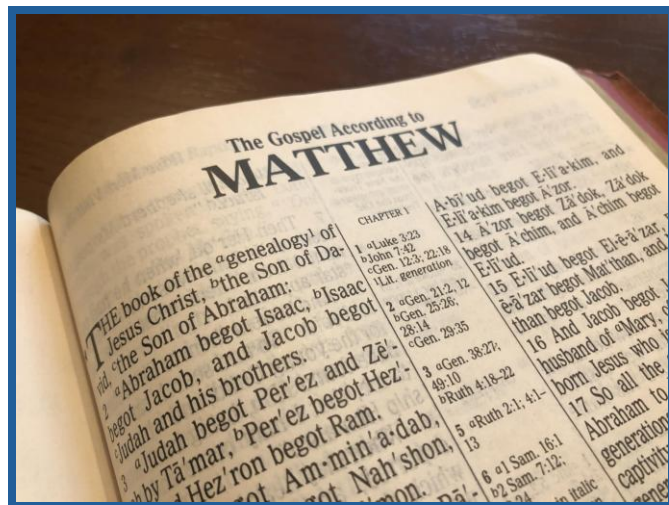


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sunday, October 11, 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

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"To God Be the Glory"
"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"
"Christ is Enough"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Song of Assurance

"Lord, I Need You"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

"Family Matters"

Message

Matthew 18:1-20

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Mary Koster

Offering

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"Have Thy Own Way, Lord"

*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...

Andy DeBoer is scheduled for lumbar fusion surgery on October 19 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 also 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 able to return home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for peace and strength for Henry and his family in this time.

Faye Gowens continues to recover at home and is gradually regaining her strength and dexterity, especially when navigating the stairs. Please continue to pray for her recovery, that she will grow stronger and more comfortable with each day, and that she will soon be able to return to worship with us.

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 Arojojoye 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 her final round of chemotherapy last week 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 will return back on Monday, October 12 and has applied for an additional job. The past 19 months have been a difficult season of relearning and rediscovering 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 his comfort and strength, as well as guidance for his medical team as they care for him.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, 12565 Renaissance Circle, Room 308, Homer Glen, IL 60491

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

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

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PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers

VIDEO: Eric Pradelski

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: Roger DeGraff

11:00AM: Sunday School

11:05AM: F-PEC meeting in the Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

7:00PM: 4th Quarterly Consistory meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Heritage Room

9:30AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:30PM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

6:30PM: Men's Bible Study meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

GREETERS: Steve and Alison VanderWoude

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema
and Abby Veldboom **PIANO:** Nick Graves

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SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff and Rodger & Sherry Norris

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Sara Jabaay and Alison VanderWoude

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

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 **163 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.



CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. If you would like to volunteer to help with the setup, serving our clients while the closet is open, and clean up, please contact the church office or Dacia Hill. The Clothing Closet is open on the 4th Thursday of every month, from 4pm-6pm, as well as approximately 30-45 minutes before and after those time slots for setup and cleanup.

If you have clothing items that you would like to give to the Clothing Closet, donations can currently be made at Suburban Access Outreach in Homewood.

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.

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 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 is **Philippians 4:6. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."** 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...

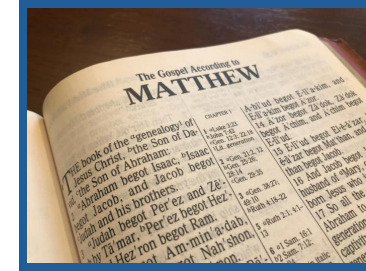
“Family Matters”

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Matthew 18:1-20

(Pew Bible: page 1526, **Adventure Bible: page 1074**)

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

STAFF...

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Pastor Corey Buchanan
Associate Pastor

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nikki Nyhanna
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

Darcy Daly
Nursery Coordinator

Steve Alexander
Church Custodian

Toni Smith
Director of Family Life
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.