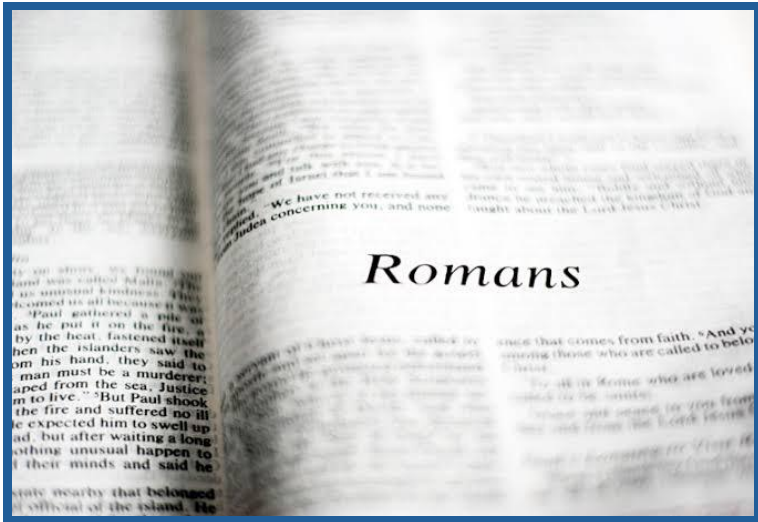


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sunday, October 25, 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	<i>"Distant Chimes"</i> <i>"I Surrender All"</i> <i>"Take My Life and Let It Be"</i>
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"</i> <i>"Living Hope"</i> <i>"I Just Want To Thank You, Lord"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Song of Assurance	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Romans 12:1-2
Message	"Biblical Conversion"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Alison VanderWoude
Offering	<i>"And Can It Be?"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Have Thy Own Way, Lord"</i>
*Organ Postlude	<i>"Lift Up Your Song of Praise"</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...

Doris Boomsma underwent a successful heart ablation procedure at Franciscan Hospital in Dyer last week. She has since been admitted to Franciscan Hospital for difficulty breathing and had fluid removed from her lungs. Pray that she continues to improve and gain strength while in the hospital and that she can return home soon.

Andy DeBoer had successful lumbar fusion surgery this week at Ingalls Hospital to address weakness in his leg caused by spinal stenosis and other issues with his lower back. Please pray that the pain and discomfort he feels following the surgery will subside and he will continue to regain strength and mobility in his leg.

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.

Beverly VanDommelen continues at Hartsfield Village for rehabilitation as she regains strength in her legs. Pray for Dan and Beverly as she continues to rehab that they have the patience needed in this time and that she can return home soon.

Jean Spiekhout continues in hospice care at Riley House in Munster and is doing well. Please keep Jean and her family in your prayers, asking God to surround them with His peace, comfort, and presence during this time.

Eric Pradelski returned back to work this month and is seeking additional employment. 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 relationships with friends and family.

Craig and Jan Nelson’s son, Christopher, has begun a challenging new cancer treatment. Please keep Craig, Jan, Christopher, and their 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 for his medical team as they care for him.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Ruth DeBoer, Hartsfield Village, #135, 10002 Columbia Ave., Munster, IN 46321

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

GREETERS: Veldboom Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Rhonda DeBok, Jeffrey Fransen, Joe Fransen, Dacia Hill, and Bill Nyhanna
PIANO: Nick Graves
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
VIDEO: Mike Decker
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nikki Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Clair & Lynn Hoeksema and Roger & Judy Gill
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Felicia Flowers, Grace Jacobsma, and Becky Wright
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim Bosman
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

6:30PM: Women’s Bible Study in the Genesis Room
6:30PM: Men’s Bible Study in the Heritage Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00PM-7:00PM: TRUNK OR TREAT, CHURCH PARKING LOT

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

GREETERS: Sikkema Family
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
PROJECTION: Gwen Adams
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Gracen Sikkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Steve and Nancy DeVries, Mary Koster & Gwen Adams
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Gwen Adams, Nancy DeVries, Ellen Nelson
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim DeGroot

CHURCH LIFE...

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGREGATION and Pastor Anthony for the prayers, cards, rides, meals, calls, and visits for the past eighteen weeks during my chemo treatments. Also, thank you to Steve De Vries, Bonnie Feenstra, and Anthony for rearranging their schedules to play at FRC. I am in a ‘surveillance’ mode now – I will have bloodwork and testing periodically.”
-- Joanne Hoeksema

TRUNK N’ TREAT: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 5:00–7:00 PM

We’re excited to once again provide children in South Holland and the surrounding communities with a safe, fun place to Trunk N’ Treat! To make this annual event a success, we need plenty of candy and volunteers willing to share their car trunks - decorated or undecorated! If you can donate candy, please leave it at the donation table in the Fellowship Hall or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Ready to join the fun? Sign up to host a trunk at either Welcome Center. All car trunks should be in place by 4:45 PM. Questions? 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 as of last Sunday; we have currently collected **241 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 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. For the months of November and December, the Clothing Closet will be open on the third Thursday of the month and will return to the fourth Thursday in January.

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.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

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.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL today, classes will resume next Sunday as follows:

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 at 11:00am in the Heritage Room.

The **WOMEN’S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Tuesday, October 27th, at 9:30am in The Genesis Room. We will discuss the homework from Session 1, “Your Father’s House”, p. 13-43 and watch the Session 2 video. Hope to see you there!

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDIES will meet again Wednesday, October 28, 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.

REMINDERS...

CHURCH COOKIES AND NUT ALLERGIES: Our wonderful cookies served during fellowship time following church are made by volunteers from our congregation. It is our practice that any cookies containing nuts of any kind are clearly labeled.

SERMON NOTES...

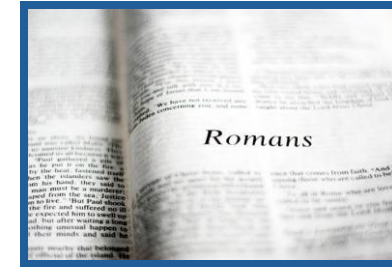
“Biblical Conversion”

Romans 12:1-2

Pastor Corey Buchanan

(Pew Bible: page 1763, **Adventure Bible: page 1252**)

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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Gerri VanBaren
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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.