

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Communion Sunday, November 1, 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>"Song for All Saints"</i> <i>"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"</i> <i>"O God, Beyond All Praising"</i>
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Worship	<i>"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"</i> <i>"Abide"</i>
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema <i>"Almighty God"</i>
*Song of Assurance	<i>"Jesus Loves Me"</i>

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 16
Message	"The Start of Something Big"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy Is The Lord of Hosts"</i> <i>"We Will Feast"</i>
Congregational Prayer	Nikki Nyhanna
Offering	<i>"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"</i>
*Doxology	
*Benediction	
*Sending in Grace	<i>"Have Thy Own Way, Lord"</i>
*Organ Postlude	<i>"Faith of Our Fathers"</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...

Judith Besser, grandmother of Amber Fransen and Chandra Ondrejka, has been admitted to hospice care following a decline in health. Please pray for her comfort and peace, and for strength and care for her family.

Jill Slifko, daughter of Larry DeYoung, is recovering at home following a successful partial knee replacement surgery. Pray that her healing is quick and effective.

Doris Boomsma underwent a successful heart ablation procedure at Franciscan Hospital in Dyer last week and has been released to return home. Pray that she continues to improve and gain strength as she heals.

Andy DeBoer had successful lumbar fusion surgery last 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 last 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 the Nelson 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, and wisdom for his medical team as they care for him.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Myrna Eytcheson, Clarendale Six Corners, 4715 W. Irving Road, Chicago, IL 60691

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

GREETERS: Sikkema Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
VIDEO: Keith Flowers
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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

GREETERS: Wooley Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley
ORGAN: Steve DeVries
PIANO: Nicholas Graves
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Joey Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim and Mary Bosman & Ray and Barb Housman
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Lisa Triemstra
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim Bosman

CHURCH LIFE...

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 collected **711 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, or 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.

SERVE SATURDAY: On Saturday, November 21, we will hold our annual Serve Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be four opportunities to serve: Thanksgiving turkey distribution, card writing for FRC Shut ins and CPO Families, OASIS loft painting, and folding chair cleaning. Our OASIS students will be packing Thanksgiving meals with Suburban Access Outreach.

Sign up to join us at the Welcome Centers! We'll have coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00am before we break into groups to begin serving!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

SPOTLIGHT ON EXODUS: The Exodus Projects and Faith and Action invite you to join us on **Thursday, November 19 at 6:00pm** at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing for our annual ministry dinner. All are invited to join as we fellowship together and share information about the work being done in the Chicago Heights community. To RSVP, please visit www.theexodusprojects.org or speak to Pastor Corey Buchanan. We hope to see you there!

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CONTINUE today for all ages from 11:00am - noon.

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 again on Tuesday, November 10th at 9:30am in The Genesis Room. We will discuss Session 2, "Eternity In Your Heart", study guide p. 47-75. Hope to see you there.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDIES will meet again Wednesday, November 11, at 6:30pm. For questions about either the men's or women's Bible Study, please contact the church office or see Alison or Steve VanderWoude.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE verse of the month is Psalms 9:1 – "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

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...

“The Start of Something Big”

Genesis 16

Pastor Corey Buchanan

(Pew Bible: page 21, **Adventure Bible: page 18**)

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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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.