FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, November 15, 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	*"Come Ye Thankful People Come"* *"Psalm 89"* *"Now Thank We All Our God"*
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Congregational Worship	***"Holy, Holy, Holy"*** ***"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"***
Prayer of Confession	
*Song of Assurance	***"Before the Throne of God Above"***

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	Genesis 18
Message	"Things Too Wonderful"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Judy Gill
Offering	***"Promises"***
*Doxology	
*Benediction	
*Sending in Grace	***"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"***
*Organ Postlude	*"Standing on the Promises"*

*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…

Dolores Richards, Elle Stirling's mom, is recovering from surgery at Christ Hospital after she experienced a mini-stroke last Monday. Pray this procedure would be effective, and that her healing would be complete.

Mary Ann Gouwens is recovering from emergency surgery at Franciscan Hospital in Dyer. Please pray for her continued improvement and a regaining of strength.

Lisa Magnon, daughter of **Anna Collins**, continues testing on nodules in her lung, causing a pause in her immunotherapy treatments for cancer. Pray for clarity from these tests, and for ongoing strength for Lisa as she cares for herself and her mother during this time.

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 and has returned home. Pray that she continues to improve and gain strength as she heals.

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.

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.

Eric Pradelski returned back to work last month and is seeking additional employment. 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. Pray for David's comfort and strength, and wisdom for his medical team as they care for him.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Doris Boomsma, Park Place of St. John, Room 1212, 10700 Park Place, St. John, IN 46373

UP & COMING AT FIRST…

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

GREETERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Rhonda DeBok, Jeffery Fransen, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nikki Nyhanna and Lisa Triemstra
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink **VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Rick & Amy Veldboom and Clint & Merley Verhagen
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Merley Verhagen, Chandra Ondrejka & Nyla DeGraff
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Steve VanderWoude

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4:00-6:00PM: Clothing Closet

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00AM-NOON: Serve Saturday
9:30AM: Oasis Service Project

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

GREETERS: Rodger Norris and Gerri VanBaren
WORSHIP TEAM: Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Robert Wooley, Benjamin Wooley, and Bella VanderWoude
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema **PIANO:** Nicholas Graves
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema **VIDEO:** Mike Decker
PROJECTION: Jonathan VanderWoude
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nikki Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Russ & Heidi Paarlberg and Jim & Bonnie DeGroot
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Ellen Nelson, Gerri VanBaren and Pam Costello
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Rhonda Hesselink

CHURCH LIFE…

SERVE SATURDAY: On Saturday, November 21, 9:00am-12:00pm, we will hold our annual Serve Saturday. 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. OASIS students will be packing Thanksgiving meals with Suburban Access Outreach. Sign up to join at the Welcome Centers!

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH'S Angels of Hope Christmas tree is up in the Fellowship Hall with tags waiting to be picked up. As you select your tag, please be sure to sign your name at the sign-up table. All gifts should be wrapped and returned to the church by November 29th. For any questions, please see Noreen VanDeursen. Thank you for helping us bring some joy to the families of incarcerated men and women in the Chicagoland area!

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 this program, please contact the church office or Dacia Hill. For 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.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE is on **Wednesday, November 25** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. As you enter for worship, please bring your offerings and non-perishable food items to the front of the church. Place your offering of food on the steps. Baskets will be provided for your monetary offerings. Ushers and OASIS students will be present to help you carry your items if needed.

Food donations most needed: cereal and oatmeal, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, cans of fruit and vegetables, peanut butter/jelly, soups, canned beans, tuna and canned meat.

COMING UP AT FIRST REFORMED CHURCH…

- **Wednesday, Dec. 9**: At 6:00pm, we will hold our annual First Church Christmas Party. Enjoy a delicious meal, fun games, sparkling conversation, and holiday cheer with your church family! More information to come!
- **Sunday, Dec. 13**: At 6:00pm, join us for our annual Service of Lessons & Carols: a night filled with the Scriptures, sights, stories, and sounds of Christmas. Amidst the busyness of the Christmas season, join us to anchor your soul in God's salvation story.
- **Thursday, Dec. 24**: Join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 11:00pm. This service is always a highlight of the year, as we stay up and greet Christmas Day with carols, candlelight, worship, and sparklers!

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 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 and MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDIES** will meet again in December.

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.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM / Monday – Friday

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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.

SERMON NOTES...

"Things Too Wonderful"
Genesis 18
Pastor Anthony Bolkema
(Pew Bible: page 24, Adventure Bible: page 20)

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).