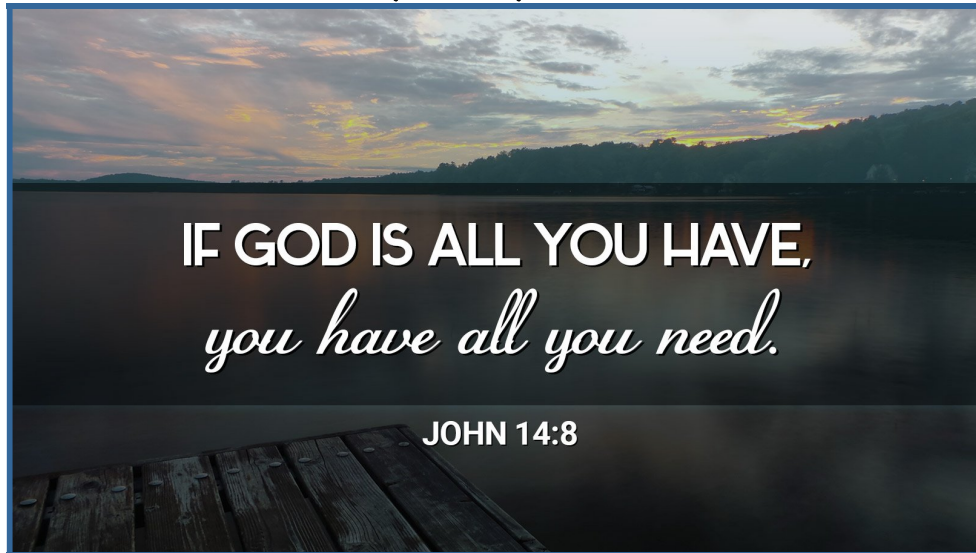


**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH**  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
Sunday, July 6, 2025



**Welcome to First Reformed Church!**

Life can be confusing, overwhelming, and sometimes scary.  
But you don't have to face it alone:  
God's Word offers wisdom,  
The Holy Spirit offers presence,  
and the Church offers community.

For 175+ years, First Reformed Church has been gathering every week for worship, for fellowship, and for equipping. Whatever your struggle, whatever your song, whatever your burden, this is the right place to be today!

We're glad you're with us as we enter a new week together with the gracious forgiveness, warm welcome, and courageous hope we receive from Jesus.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**  
July 6, 2025

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Organ Prelude

*"Ode to Our Country"*  
*"Come Ye Sinners"*  
*"Beautiful Savior"*

\*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Congregational Worship

*"Rejoice, You Righteous, In the Lord"*  
*"God Is So Good"*  
*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

*"His Glory & My Good"*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reading

John 14:8-14

Message

The Miracle is "In"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offering

Hymn Request Jar

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

\*Sending in Grace

*"The Blessing"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"To God Be the Glory"*

\*Those who are able please stand.

Please, join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a cup of conversation and a cookie.

## *UP & COMING AT FIRST...*

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, JULY 6

**GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER:** Anthony Bolkema Family

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Nolan Bolkema, Peter & Julia Keep, and Nick Paarlberg

**PROJECTION:** Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Izzy Veldboom

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Jim & Bonnie DeGroot and Russ & Heidi Paarlberg

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Gwen Adams, Mary Decker, and Deb Wolzen

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Joanne Hoeksema

### MONDAY, JULY 7

**6:00PM:** Music Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, JULY 8

**7:30AM:** Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

**7:30AM:** ACT meets in the Heritage Room

### FRIDAY, JULY 11

**8:30PM:** Movie Night at Church

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

**GREETERS & WELCOME CENTER:** Steve and Alison VanderWoude

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Joe Fransen, Nick Paarlberg,

Anna Sikkema, Lisa Triemstra, and Abby Veldboom

**PROJECTION:** Gwen Adams

**VIDEO:** Eric Pradelski

**SOUND:** Lucas Bolkema

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema; **PIANO:** Amy Veldboom

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Roger & Judy Gill and Dave & Becky Wright

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Rhonda DeBok, Mary Koster, and Sara Jabaay

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Roger DeGraff

## *CARE...*

**Harriet DeYoung** is receiving hospice care at Elevate Health Care, Room #108 in South Holland.

**Eric Pradelski** was able to go back to work on Thursday.

**Clifton Rhodes** continues his physical therapy. Please pray for complete healing.

**Ruth DeBoer** is back at Hartsfield Village, Room #135.

**Jean Spiekhout** is out of rehab and back in her room at Hartsfield Village, Room #1107.

**Sharon Dinkel** has been transferred to Burgess Square Health Care and Rehab Centre in Westmont for ongoing rehab.

**Craig Nelson** is home recovering from surgery he had Friday, June 27, at Mayo Clinic.

**Jan Nelson** is home recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

**Sheena DeYoung** is scheduled to undergo foot and ankle surgery next Thursday, July 10 at Methodist Hospital in Merrillville.

Pray for **Christopher Nelson** as his cancer has returned and options for further treatment are being explored.

**Phil Capone** continues his physical therapy for his neck injury.

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Anita Decker-Steenbergen, 15959 Marian Drive, South Holland, IL 60473

## *OUR GIFTS...*

### Sunday, June 29, 2025

Total Giving: \$**7,782.23** (Needed Weekly: \$11,500.00)

Reach 175: \$419.68

UPDATED REACH 175 TOTAL: \$131,025.58

## *ON DUTY FOR JULY...*

**First Security:** Mike Costello

**First Emergency:** Trina Taylor

## *CHURCH LIFE...*

**REMINDER:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Consistory meeting will be held on **Monday, July 14** at 7:00pm in the Genesis Room. We apologize for the confusion with printed material with the incorrect date.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us in the backyard of church for an outdoor movie night on **Friday, July 11**. Come at 8:30pm (when the sun sets), the movie starts around 8:45pm. We'll be watching a classic family movie: Inside Out 2. Movie theater treats will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy the show! Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

**AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!** Please consider blessing First Church's fellowship time by joining our Cookie Committee. We have openings on our schedule for those who love to bake or buy cookies. Be a part of this gift of hospitality! Thank you! Please call or text Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 or Nancy DeVries at 708-921-7970.

**CLOTHING CLOSET:** We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community, and we are so appreciative of all your donations! If you have clothes or other items to donate to the Clothing Closet, we ask that you drop them off during our open hours (the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00-11:00am and the 4th Thursday of each month from 4:00-6:00pm). If those times don't work for you, you may drop off donations Monday-Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Open Access office in Homewood (900 Maple Avenue). All donations dropped off at Open Access will be sorted and used at our Clothing Closet or one of the several others Open Access runs in our region.

**EVERY SUNDAY,** an Elder is assigned to pray in our Prayer Room for 20 minutes following the service. The Prayer Room is located through the doors and down the hallway from the Chapel (exit the Sanctuary from the door by the piano). 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).

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU:** When you go downstairs for coffee, take a look at the screens in the Fellowship Hall. We're continuing a series of "Getting to Know You" slides where our church family can meet various members and learn interesting tidbits about each other. Stay tuned... maybe you'll be interviewed next!

**CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH & THE EXODUS PROJECTS:** Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 23** at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood. Shotgun starts at 9:00am. Join us as we host our third charity golf tournament (register @ [www.theexodusprojects.org/golf](http://www.theexodusprojects.org/golf)).

## *REMINDERS....*

**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.

**PLEASE CONTACT** the church office if you know of a friend or family member who has been admitted to the hospital.

**PLEASE KEEP THE PARKING AREA** that is lined in the front and on the north side of the church - which is closest to the elevator - available for those who have difficulty walking. Thank you!

**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.

**THANK YOU!**

## *AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...*

**SOUTH HOLLAND MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION** hosts monthly **One Hour of Power** meetings. This is a gathered time of prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. The men's session is every 2nd Tuesday from 12-1pm at the Heritage House. The women's session is every 2nd Tuesday from 6-7pm at the South Holland Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

*SERMON NOTES...*

John 14:8-14  
The Miracle is "In"



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**SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday**

*STAFF...*

**Pastor Corey Buchanan**  
*Associate Pastor*

**Anthony Bolkema**  
*Pastor of Worship & Ministry*

**Jane Ackerman**  
*Church Accountant*

**Rev. Dr. Rich Grevengoed**  
*Pastor of Care & Visitation*

**Nyla DeGraff**  
*Church Administrator*

**Gerri VanBaren**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**Steve Alexander**  
*Church Custodian*

**Darcy Daly**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Toni Smith**  
*Director of Family Life*  
*Christian Pre-School & Day Care*

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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.