

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND Sunday, February 8, 2026



Welcome to First Reformed Church!

In the church calendar, we are in the season of Epiphany, which began January 4. Epiphany has to do with light: things that are unclear becoming clear, things that are hidden being revealed, places that were once impassable becoming accessible.

During Epiphany, we celebrate the message of Jesus. The things that were hinted at in the Old Testament are now made perfectly clear in Him. People who were once outsiders are brought in through Him. People who were once trapped in darkness now are rescued by His light.

We are here because we're basking in Jesus' light, experiencing His rescue, and being welcomed into His family. And we're happy to welcome you to worship, grow, and rejoice with us today!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Sunday, February 8, 2026 WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

"Praise the King"
Psalm 2 – "Wherefore Do the Nations Rage"
"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"
"Trust and Obey"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Congregational Worship

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell"
"10,000 Reasons"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

Song of Assurance

"Abide"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

Message

The Start of Something (Big): "Come, Come, Come"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Mary Koster

Offertory

"God Leads Us Along"

*Doxology

"Glory Be to the Father"

*Benediction

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Sending in Grace

"In This Dry Land"

*Organ Postlude

"Stepping In the Light"

*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...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

GREETERS: Dennis and Deb Woltzen

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Jeffery Fransen, Joe Fransen, Grant Sikkema, Gracen Sikkema, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley

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

PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers; **VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok; **SOUND:** Aaron Wooley

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema

COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Mary Bosman and Trina Taylor

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Judy Gill, and Katie Sikkema

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30AM: Piece makers meet in the Fellowship Hall

6:00PM: Music Team meets in the Sanctuary

7:00PM: Elders meet in the Heritage Room & Deacons meet in the Genesis Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall

8:15AM: Vision Team meets in the Heritage Room

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00AM: 1st Impressions meets in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

GREETERS: Verhagen Family

WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, and Nick Paarlberg

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

PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema; **VIDEO:** Keith Flowers; **SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Dacia Hill

COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Gerri VanBaren and Don & Nyla DeGraff

COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Mary Bosman, Kathy Rhodes, and Alison VanderWoude

PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clint Verhagen

CARE & PRAYER...

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Phil Rietveld who passed away on February 1. A private burial will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is also extended to the family and friends of Sharon Brooks whose grandfather, David Henderson, passed away on Wednesday, February 4. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Wayne Deinema has been moved to rehab at Franciscan Dyer Hospital.

Sharon Dinkel continues at Burgess Square Health Care.

Eric Pradelski requests prayers as he continues to experience ongoing mental health unrest.

Charles Dinkel is home recovering from surgery that repaired his broken arm.

Phil Capone had his second angioplasty Friday, February 6 at the University of Chicago.

Lisa Magnon, Anna Collins' daughter and primary care giver for Anna, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is starting immunotherapy and chemotherapy.

Sharon Brooks' mom, **Paula Amos**, continues her immunotherapy for her cancer.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Viola VanDam, Providence Downers Grove, 3450 Saratoga Ave., Rm. 63A, Downers Grove, IL 60515

ON DUTY FOR FEBRUARY...

First Security: Jessica DeBok

First Emergency: Rich Thornton

Be sure to visit the welcome centers and sign cards for our shut-ins and sign up for upcoming fellowship events. Please also remember to empty your mailslots.

CHURCH LIFE...

WE WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU for being part of the Christmas Angels of Hope program to support the work of Chicagoland Prison Outreach! Together across the city we reached out to 174 families, 661 children, and provided over 2330 gifts. Those are amazing statistics! God's people were able to demonstrate the Love of Christ to 661 children. This not only impacts the children, but it also impacts those who are incarcerated because it allows them the feeling of being part of their family's celebration even though they are physically separated. We at CPO praise God for this partnership. Together with God's help, we are making a difference in the lives of those who are incarcerated, and their families! **THANK YOU!**

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH GAME NIGHT: Come on out for an all-ages evening of fun - we'll have card games, board games, kids' games, and more! **Friday, February 13,** 6:30 - 8:00pm. Bring along a favorite game or join in the fun with games on hand. Pizza, salad, and breadsticks will be served. Sign up at the welcome centers to let us know you'll be there!

JOIN US ON MISSION SUNDAY, February 15 and following the service, we will host a special luncheon for our missionaries at 12:30pm. Please sign up if you plan to attend the luncheon. For questions or more information, please contact Pastor Corey at corey@frcsh.org.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make your favorite soup for dinnertime after our Ash Wednesday service on **February 18**. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers or call the church office at 333-0622 if you are willing to share your favorite soup.

OUTREACH 101 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28: Are you interested in learning how to reach your friends and neighbors? Want practical tools for inviting people to church—and, more importantly, inviting them to Christ? Our Outreach Team is hosting **Outreach 101**, a class taught by **Brian Gardner from CRU**, on the morning of February 28. This class will equip and encourage you to live out your faith and engage others with confidence and love. Please sign up at the Welcome Centers.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) will meet next **Sunday, February 15**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Fellowship Hall. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please email Anthony at anthony@frcsh.org.

CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. The Clothing Closet will be open this month on **Thursday, February 26**. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Anthony Bolkema. The clothing closet will be open from 4pm-6pm, as well as approximately 30-45 minutes before and after those time slots for setup and cleanup.

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY! Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2026 Christian Reformed Church denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/14207 to answer the survey questions by **Tuesday, March 31**.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues 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 11:00-11:00am, then move to their classrooms until noon.

- PreK–2nd Grades/Genesis Room
- 3rd–5th Grades/Library
- 6th–8th Grades starts/Genesis Room
- 9th–12th Grades/Chapel
- Tibstra House/Heritage Room



OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will begin in the Chapel at 6:00pm and move to the Fellowship Hall for our Soup Supper. Sign up at the Welcome Centers and join us!

- ✚ **Ash Wednesday, February 18:** First Wednesday Fellowship Service/Soup Supper
- ✚ **Wednesday, February 25:** Men & Women Bible Studies (6:30pm)
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- ✚ **Thursday, April 2:** Maudy Thursday Service (6:00 pm)
- ✚ **Friday, April 3:** Good Friday Service (7:00pm)
- ✚ **Sunday, April 5:** Easter Service (9:30am)

THE LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet again this **Tuesday, February 10**, at 9:30am in the Genesis Room. At that time, we will view Session 4 video, and discuss the homework of Session 5, "Peace in the Purposes of Jesus" pgs. 96-119 in the study guide. Please be prepared to share your findings. Hope to see you there!

SERMON NOTES...

Genesis 11:1-9

The Start of Something (Big): “Come, Come, Come”

Pastor Corey Buchanan

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).



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM – NOON / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

Dr. Anthony Bolkema
Interim Executive Pastor

Pastor Corey Buchanan
Associate Pastor

Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nyla DeGraff
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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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.