

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
of SOUTH HOLLAND  
Second Sunday of Pentecost, June 7, 2026



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 more than 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
June 7, 2026

WE APPROACH GOD

Organ Prelude

*"The Love of God"*  
*"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"*  
*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

\*Welcome & Greeting One Another

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

\*Congregational Worship

*"God the Uncreated One"*  
*"Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"*

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Anthony Bolkema

\*Song of Assurance

*"Lord, I Need You"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

John 13:1-17 & 34-35

Message

*"Love as I Have Loved You"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Mary Koster

Offering

*"My Savior's Love"*

\*Doxology

\*Benediction

\*Sending in Grace

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

\*Organ Postlude

*"The Love of God"*

\*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, JUNE 7

**GREETERS:** Wooley Family

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Kim Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Bella VanderWoude, and Liam VanderWoude

**ORGAN:** Joanne Hoeksema

**PIANO:** Anthony Bolkema

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Rhonda DeBok

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Julia Keep

**COFFEE SERVERS:** Steve & Nancy DeVries and Mary Koster

**COOKIE VOLUNTEERS:** Laurel DeGraff, Sherry Norris, and Nikki Nyhanna

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Joanne Hoeksema

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

**9:30AM:** Piecemakers meet in Fellowship Hall

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

**7:00PM:** Consistory meets in the Genesis Room, followed by Elders and Deacons meetings

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

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

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

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

**GREETERS:** Sikkema Family

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

**ORGAN:** Steve DeVries

**PIANO:** Nick Graves

**PROJECTION:** Lucas Bolkema

**VIDEO:** Keith Flowers

**SOUND:** Rhonda Hesselink

**NURSERY:** Darcy Daly and Amber Fransen

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

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

**PRAYER ROOM ELDER:** Jim Bosman

## *CARE & PRAYER...*

**Faye Gowens** was admitted to Ingalls Hospital and is awaiting test results. Pray for peace and patience for her and her family.

**Joanne Hoeksema** will begin a series of chemo infusions for eighteen weeks beginning June 18. Please pray for complete healing with minimal side effects.

**Peter Olthoff** had emergency gallbladder surgery last weekend, pray for quick healing and recovery.

**Rhonda DeBok** completed testing on her heart in May and we rejoice that the results are positive.

**Eric Pradelski** has been diagnosed with autism, anxiety, and attention deficit disorder. He continues to work closely with his doctors to receive ongoing support and guidance. Please pray for wisdom and encouragement for Eric and his medical team.

**Mark Spiekhout** remains in Ignite Rehab in Dyer as he continues his recovery from hip surgery.

**Craig Nelson** has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). Also, Craig and Jan's son, **Christopher**, is undergoing a difficult new treatment for his cancer and has been admitted to the hospital.

**Joyce Novak**, Linda Capone's mother, underwent a lung biopsy in May. Pray for her continued healing and strength.

**David Gardiner**, grandson of Jean Spiekhout, needs your prayers as he is suffering from a brain tumor.

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

## *ON DUTY FOR JUNE*

**First Security:** Rich Thornton

**First Emergency:** Alison VanderWoude

## CHURCH LIFE...

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT** this morning Pastor Cal Aardsma, a retired CRC minister and the Stated Clerk of Classis Chicago South.

**THIS MORNING**, we join together in affirming the call that God has placed on the following individuals: Elders: Larry DeYoung, Rhonda Hesselink, Clair Hoeksema, and Steve VanderWoude. Deacons: Tim DeYoung, Grant Sikkema, Travis Stirling, and Dennis Woltzen.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY** continues to serve many families in our community and beyond and your support makes a real difference. We invite you to help by bringing in non-perishable food items now through the end of June. Donations can be left on a special food pantry table set up in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE CLOTHING CLOSET** will be open this month on **Thursday, June 25**. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Anthony Bolkema. The Clothing Closet will be open from 4:00-6:00pm, as well as approximately 30-45 minutes before and after those time slots for setup and cleanup.

**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.

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

**FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE** is excited to share a special part of their monthly learning. We invite our congregation to learn and reflect on this verse together. For the month of June, the verse comes from **Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."**

**OASIS** (Junior & Senior High Students) will meet on, **Sunday, June 21**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Activity Center and Loft. If you are or know of a student in 6th – 12th grade who would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Pastor Anthony.

## REMINDERS....

**BE SURE TO VISIT THE WELCOME CENTERS** to sign up for church events and sign cards for our shut-ins!

**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.

**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!

**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. Maybe you'll be interviewed next!

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

**JOIN THE MEN AND WOMEN** of the South Holland Ministerial Association for a time of prayer and Bible fellowship. Men meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 12:00-1:00pm at Heritage House (443 E. 157<sup>th</sup> Street) and the women meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 6:00-7:00pm at the Community Center (501 E 170<sup>th</sup> Street). For more information, email [southhollandchurches@gmail.com](mailto:southhollandchurches@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

**CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH** with the South Holland Ministerial Association and the Village of South Holland! Join us at Veterans Memorial Park on **Saturday, June 20** from 12:00-4:00pm for an afternoon filled with live music, family fun, local vendors, and powerful community spirit.

**CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH & THE EXODUS PROJECTS:** Mark your calendars for our fourth annual charity golf tournament on **Wednesday, July 22** at Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood. Check-in begins at 8:00am with a shotgun start at 9:00am. Registration is now open online at [www.cpoministries.org/golf](http://www.cpoministries.org/golf). See Pastor Corey Buchanan or Nikki Nyhanna for more information.



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### STAFF...

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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.

### *SERMON NOTES...*

**"Love as I Have Loved You"**

**John 13:1-17 & 34-35**

**Pastor Cal Aardsma**

The New Command to Love: Meaning

It is a command -

What it is not -

What it is -

The New Command to Love: Exemplified

The New Command to Love: Lived

Living this reality -

The power to live it -

This week I will show love to someone by: