

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sunday, August 9, 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.

Whether you grew up Catholic, married a Baptist, or anything in between, you'll find a home in worship here at First Church.

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

"Our Great Savior"
"Song of the Redeemed"
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

*Congregational Worship

"Praise The Lord, O Heavens, Adore Him"
"We Will Glorify"
"His Glory & My Good"

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Corey Buchanan

*Song of Assurance

"Speak, O Lord"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ezekiel 2:1-3:3

Message

"A Bittersweet Call"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Offering

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace

"God Be With You"

*Organ Postlude

"Psalm 73"

*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...

Doris Boomsma has been able to return home from the hospital. We rejoice that she is home and continues in her healing journey.

Clarence Brouwers has been re-admitted to Franciscan Hospital for further testing. Pray for positive results and a quick return home.

George Dinkel has returned home and continues his recovery after a fall. Please pray for his ongoing healing, for patience, and for strength.

Joanne Hoeksema has completed three rounds of chemo. She will be having an abdominal CT scan in the middle of August to compare images from the first CT before chemo began. A meal train has been set up if you would like to provide a meal. Contact the church office if you'd like to sign up or use the link here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/Orl815>

Kathy Rhodes continues therapy on her shoulder. Pray for steady progress, renewed mobility, and a full recovery.

Joseph Arojoye has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for clarity and peace as he navigates this diagnosis.

Eric Pradelski has recently received diagnoses of autism, anxiety, and attention deficit disorder and is working with his doctors as he navigates ongoing care and support. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Eric and his medical team, along with strength, peace, understanding, and encouragement during this time.

Craig Nelson has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), he is also recovering from neck surgery last month. In addition, Craig and Jan's son, **Christopher**, has begun a challenging new cancer treatment. Please keep the entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

David Gardiner, grandson of Jean Spiekhout, is battling a brain tumor. Please pray for comfort, strength, and wisdom for his medical team as they care for him.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Barb DeWolf, 12565 Renaissance Circle, Room 308, Homer Glen, IL 60491

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

GREETERS: Veldboom Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Anna Sikkema, Grant Sikkema, Nikki Nyhanna, and Nick Paarlberg
PIANO: Nick Graves
ORGAN: Steve DeVries
SOUND: Lucas Bolkema
PROJECTION: Liam VanderWoude
VIDEO: Lucas VanderWoude
NURSERY: Dacia Hill and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Gerri VanBaren
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Megan DeYoung, Judy Gill, and Katie Sikkema
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Steve VanderWoude

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
7:00PM: Elders and Deacons meet

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall
8:15AM: Vision Team meets in the Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30AM: ACT meets in the Heritage Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

GREETERS: Wooley Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Jeffery Fransen, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Kim Bolkema, Bella VanderWoude, Liam VanderWoude and Abby Veldboom
PIANO: Anthony Bolkema
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Sara Jabaay
COFFEE SERVERS: Don & Noreen VanDeursen and Rodger & Sherry Norris
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Amber Fransen, Sherry Norris and Becky Wright
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Roger DeGraff

CHURCH LIFE...

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME Pastor Derek Buikema to our pulpit. Pastor Derek joins us from Orland Park Christian Reformed Church and has graciously given his time to worship with us this Sunday.

THANK YOU for all the encouraging cards, text messages and visits during my recent injury and therapy, they were all so appreciated. -Kathy Rhodes

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. Classes will run on **Sundays at 10:45am starting August 16, August 23, August 30 and September 13.**

REMINDERS...

DEAR COOKIE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Please look in your mailbox for the schedule for September-December 2026. Thank you for your participation in making our fellowship time so special and delicious!

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 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!

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 prayer request today, stop by and the praying elder will pray with you.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING YOU'VE LOST? You can find our Lost and Found in the hallway just north of the kitchen, at the bottom of the stairs leading to the parking lot. Check there for your missing coat, pair of glasses, lost earrings, or anything else you may have misplaced!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 22, at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a kickoff breakfast, handing out the new study guides, and watching the first video of our study.

This year, our DVD study will be by Jennifer Rothschild: "Heaven: When Faith Becomes Sight." We will join Jennifer as she explores the subject of heaven from a Biblical perspective. As we delve into this study, we will gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children and also how to live with confidence today as we look forward to the glorious unending that awaits.

The cost of the study guide is \$24.00 (which includes access to the videos online should you miss a session). If you are an Amazon Prime member you may order your own study guide. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 by Sept 8 if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. We hope you can attend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING SOON! Plans are underway for the upcoming Sunday School year, and more information will be shared in the coming weeks. As we prepare, we will be looking for teachers and classroom aides who are willing to invest in the faith formation of our children. An info table is available in the Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in learning more about serving in this important ministry.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE verse of the month: **Isaiah 58:11. "The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."** We invite you to join them on their journey by learning and reflecting on this verse together as an opportunity for our whole church family to grow in faith together.

ON DUTY FOR AUGUST:

First Security: Barry Voss

First Emergency: Bill Nyhanna

SERMON NOTES...

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Ezekiel 2:1-3:3

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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

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Pastor Corey Buchanan

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Jane Ackerman

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Nikki Nyhanna

Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren

Administrative Assistant

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"First Reformed Church South Holland" or by visiting get.theapp.co/1779.



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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.