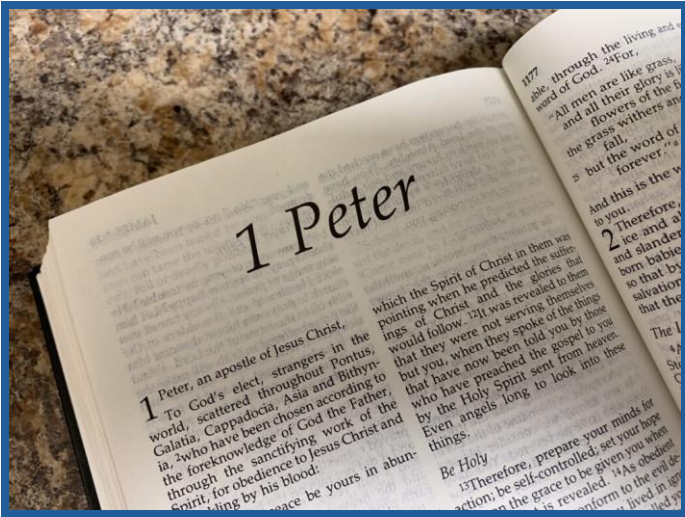


FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

of SOUTH HOLLAND

Sunday, September 20, 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 *"Sunday School Medley"*

*Welcome & Greeting One Another

*Congregational Worship *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*
"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
"Goodness of God"

Prayer of Confession Pastor Anthony Bolkema
"Trisagion"

*Song of Assurance *"His Mercy Is More"*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture I Peter 1:1-9

Message *"Loving Jesus"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer Pastor Corey Buchanan

Offering *"This Little Light of Mine"*

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Sending in Grace *"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"*

*Organ Postlude *"O How I Love Jesus"*

*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...

Jean Spiekhout was moved to hospice care at Riley House in Munster last week. Please keep Jean and her family in your prayers, asking God to surround them with His peace, comfort, and presence during this time.

Joseph Arojoye has completed his final week of radiation treatment for cancer. He also had surgery this past week. Please pray for peace, strength, and endurance as he continues healing.

Joanne Hoeksema completed her fifth round of chemo and had an MRI on her pancreas on September 15. Please continue to pray for healing, strength, and encouragement in the days ahead.

Beverly VanDommelen has been admitted to the ICU at Franciscan Hospital in Munster. Pray for Beverly, her medical team, and her loved ones during this time.

Gertrude Stallinga went home to be with the Lord and on Tuesday, September 15. Visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday, September 22, from 9:30am until the time of the funeral service at 11:00am at Smits - DeYoung-Vroegh Funeral Home in South Holland.

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. Due to exhaustion and burnout, he has also taken time away from work to focus on his well-being. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Eric and his medical team, along with strength, peace, understanding, and encouragement during this time.

Craig Nelson had successful neck surgery in July and continues his recovery. In addition, Craig and Jan's son, **Christopher**, has begun a challenging new cancer treatment. Please keep Craig, Jan, Christopher, and their entire family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Loretta Bovenkerk, Sunrise of Olympia Fields, Room 154, 3633 Breaker Drive, Olympia Fields, IL 60461

UP & COMING AT FIRST...

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

GREETERS: Clint & Merley Verhagen
WORSHIP TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Dacia Hill, Nick Paarlberg,
PIANO: Nicholas Graves **ORGAN:** Bonnie Feenstra
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
PROJECTION: Lucas Bolkema
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Nikki Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Roger & Laurel DeGraff and Faye Gowens
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Nyla DeGraff, Mary Koster and Gerri VanBaren
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Clair Hoeksema

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00PM: Music Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30AM: Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4:00PM-6:00PM: Clothing Closet in the Activity Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

GREETERS: Dennis & Deb Woltzen
WORSHIP TEAM: Anthony Bolkema, Nolan Bolkema, Nikki Nyhanna, Nick Paarlberg and Lisa Triemstra
PIANO: Nick Graves **PROJECTION:** Jonathan VanderWoude
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Joey Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim & Mary Bosman and Ray & Barb Housman
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Amber Fransen, Julia Keep and Nancy DeVries
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Anthony Bolkema

CHURCH LIFE...

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, are available in a single marked mail slot located on the north end of our mail slots. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Chairman Ray Housman.

WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR 2026 THANKSGIVING STUFFING CHALLENGE?

Beginning next Sunday, we will be collecting boxes of stuffing. Our goal as a church is to collect **1000 boxes!** These boxes will be donated to Open Access who will use them as a part of the 1000

Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall. Please call the church office with any questions. Your donations can be dropped off in the narthex at our Welcome Center or at the blue table in the Fellowship Hall.



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. They have been re-alphabetized, and remember your mail is *above* your name.

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.

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...

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF: Today, **Sunday, September 20**, we will celebrate the start of the new Sunday School season! Students are invited to join in the fun in the Genesis Room at 11:00am for a time of singing and activities to kick off the new learning year. Sunday School classes will begin on **Sunday, September 27**.

THE FIRST CHURCH LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY begins its new season on **Tuesday, September 22, at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please text or call Mary Koster at 708-380-4316 if you want to be a part of this exciting Bible study. We hope you can attend!

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDIES begin on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30pm. A signup sheet for the women's Bible Study is available at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office or Alison VanderWoude with questions. For questions about the men's Bible Study, please contact the church office or Steve VanderWoude.

OASIS (Junior & Senior High Students) meets tonight, **Sunday, September 20**, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Loft and Activity Center. 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.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS...

ELIM DUTCH FESTIVAL is **Saturday, September 27** at Elim Christian School in Crestwood, IL. Please join us for a day of fun, friends, and fantastic Dutch food and treats. We need your help to make this day a success in supporting the ministry of children and adults with disabilities. We will need baked goods, craft items, and volunteers to work that day of the festival. If you are willing to help, please contact Lynn Hoeksema or Judy Gill.

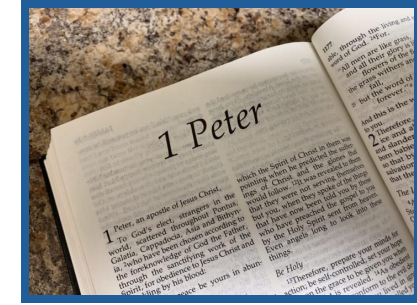
SERMON NOTES...

“Loving Jesus”

1 Peter 1:1-9

Rev. Dave Bast

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).



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SECRETARIES' OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM / Monday – Friday

STAFF...

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Jane Ackerman
Church Accountant

Nikki Nyhanna
Church Administrator

Gerri VanBaren
Administrative Assistant

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Nursery Coordinator

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Find us in the app store by searching for
"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.