FIRST REFORMED CHURCH
of SOUTH HOLLAND
Sunday, November 8, 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	*"For All the Saints"* *"Faith of Our Fathers"* *"How Firm a Foundations"*
*Welcome & Greeting One Another	Pastor Corey Buchanan
*Congregational Worship	***"God of Creation, All-Powerful"*** ***"Bless His Holy Name"*** ***"Goodness of God"***
Prayer of Confession	Pastor Anthony Bolkema
*Song of Assurance	"***Create In Me A Clean Heart***"

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture	**Genesis 17**
Message	**"The Start of Something Big"**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Congregational Prayer	Rick Veldboom
Offering	*"For This We Pray"*
*Doxology	
*Benediction	
*Sending in Grace	***"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"***
*Organ Postlude	*"The Spacious Firmament"*

*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…

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to **Mark Spiekhout** and family in the passing of his mother, **Jean Spiekhout** on November 2. Visitation will be held at First Reformed Church on Wednesday, November 11, from 10:00am-12:00pm, with the funeral immediately following.

Mary Ann Gouwens is recovering from emergency surgery at Franciscan Hospital in Dyer**.** Please pray for her continued improvement and a regaining of strength.

Judith Besser, grandmother of **Amber Fransen** and **Chandra Ondrejka**, has been admitted to hospice care following a decline in health. Please pray for her comfort and peace, and for strength and care for her family.

Lisa Magnon, daughter of **Anna Collins**, continues testing on nodules in her lung, causing a pause in her immunotherapy treatments for cancer. Pray for clarity from these tests, and for ongoing strength for Lisa as she cares for herself and her mother during this time.

Jill Slifko, daughter of **Larry DeYoung**, is recovering at home following a successful partial knee replacement surgery. Pray that her healing is quick and effective.

Doris Boomsma underwent a successful heart ablation procedure and has been released to return home. Pray that she continues to improve and gain strength as she heals.

Faye Gowens continues to recover at home and is gradually regaining her strength and dexterity, especially when navigating the stairs. Please continue to pray for her recovery, that she will grow stronger and more comfortable with each day.

Beverly VanDommelen continues at Hartsfield Village for rehabilitation as she regains strength in her legs. Pray for Dan and Beverly as she continues to rehab that they have the patience needed in this time and that she can return home soon.

Eric Pradelski returned back to work this month and is seeking additional employment. Please continue to pray that God will guide Eric as he seeks the right path forward in his career and in relationships with friends and family.

Craig and Jan Nelson's son, **Christopher**, has begun a challenging new cancer treatment. Please keep Craig, Jan, Christopher, and their 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 for his medical team as they care for him.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Sharon Dinkel, Burgess Square Health Care & Rehab, 5801 S. Cass Ave., Westmont, IL 60559

UP & COMING AT FIRST…

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

GREETERS: Wooley Family
WORSHIP TEAM: Nolan Bolkema, Nick Paarlberg, Abby Veldboom, Benjamin Wooley, and Robert Wooley
PIANO: Nicholas Graves
ORGAN: Steve DeVries
SOUND: Aaron Wooley
VIDEO: Rhonda DeBok
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Joey Nyhanna
COFFEE SERVERS: Jim and Mary Bosman & Ray and Barb Housman
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Rhonda DeBok, Lisa Triemstra and Deb Woltzen
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Jim Bosman

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:30AM: Piecemakers meet in the Fellowship Hall
6:00PM: Music Team Rehearsal
7:00PM: Deacons meets in the Genesis Room, Elders meet in the Heritage Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:30AM: Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall
9:30AM: Women's Bible Study meets in the Genesis Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Veteran's Day

Church Office and Daycare Closed

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

GREETERS: Don & Nyla DeGraff
WORSHIP TEAM: Rhonda DeBok, Jeffery Fransen, Joe Fransen, Bill Nyhanna, Nikki Nyhanna and Lisa Triemstra
PIANO: Amy Veldboom
ORGAN: Joanne Hoeksema
SOUND: Rhonda Hesselink
VIDEO: Eric Pradelski
PROJECTION: Felicia Flowers
NURSERY: Darcy Daly and Kim Bolkema
COFFEE SERVERS: Rick & Amy Veldboom and Clint & Merley Verhagen
COOKIE VOLUNTEERS: Merley Verhagen, Chandra Ondrejka & Nyla DeGraff
PRAYER ROOM ELDER: Steve VanderWoude

SERMON NOTES…

"The Start of Something Big"

Genesis 17

Pastor Corey Buchanan

(Pew Bible: page 22, Adventure Bible: page 19)

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).

CHURCH LIFE…

Thank you to all for your prayers and encouragement during my recent back surgery. Please continue to pray for an easy solution to the latest infection in my left jaw/neck. I continue to get therapy at home, but the neck infection is slowing down the recovery process. -Andy DeBoer

STUFFING CHALLENGE?



We are excited to share that we have collected 911 boxes of stuffing towards our goal of 1000 boxes! All donations will be used by Suburban Access as a part of the 1000 Thanksgiving meals they will give away to families this fall! Your donations can be dropped off at the blue table in the Fellowship Hall.

CLOTHING CLOSET: We rejoice that our Clothing Closet is continuing to be a blessing to our community. If you would like to volunteer to help with this program, please contact the church office or Dacia Hill. For November and December, the Clothing Closet will be open on the third Thursday of the month and will return to the fourth Thursday in January.

If you have clothing items that you would like to give to the Clothing Closet, donations can currently be made at Suburban Access Outreach in Homewood.

SERVE SATURDAY: On Saturday, November 21, we will hold our annual Serve Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be four opportunities to serve: Thanksgiving turkey distribution, card writing for FRC Shut ins and CPO Families, OASIS loft painting, and folding chair cleaning. Our OASIS students will be packing Thanksgiving meals with Suburban Access Outreach.

Sign up to join us at the Welcome Centers!

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH'S Angels of Hope Christmas tree is up in the Fellowship Hall with tags waiting to be picked up. As you select your tag, please be sure to sign your name at the sign-up table. All gifts should be wrapped and returned to the church by December 1st. For any questions, please see Noreen VanDeursen. Thank you for helping us bring some joy to the families of incarcerated men and women in the Chicagoland area!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS…

SPOTLIGHT ON EXODUS: The Exodus Projects and Faith and Action invite you to join us on **Thursday, November 19 at 6:00pm** at the Serbian Social Center in Lansing for our annual ministry dinner. All are invited to join as we fellowship together and share information about the work being done in the Chicago Heights community. To RSVP, please visit www.theexodusprojects.org or speak to Pastor Corey Buchanan. We hope to see you there!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES…

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 questions about the church you'd like answered, please talk with Pastor Anthony or Pastor Corey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CONTINUE today 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 11:00-11:20am, then move to their classrooms until noon.

- PreK–2nd Grade meet in the Genesis Room
- 3rd–5th Grade meet in the Library
- 6th–8th Grade meet in the Heritage Room
- 9th–12th Grade meet in the Pastor's Office
- Tibstra House Sunday School will meet at 11:00am in the Heritage Room.

The **WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will meet again this Tuesday, November 10 at 9:30am in The Genesis Room. We will discuss Session 2, "Eternity In Your Heart", study guide p. 47-75. Hope to see you there.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDIES will meet again his Wednesday, November 11, at 6:30pm. For questions about either the men's or women's Bible Study, please contact the church office or see Alison or Steve VanderWoude.

FAMILY LIFE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND DAY CARE verse of the month is Psalms 9:1 – "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

REMINDERS…

CHURCH COOKIES AND NUT ALLERGIES: Our wonderful cookies served during fellowship time following church are made by volunteers from our congregation. It is 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!



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
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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.