



FIRST REFORMED

20th
Year!

Autumn
Season
2018

Release: 2017

Cert (UK): 15

Country: USA

Language: English

Runtime: 1 hour 53 mins

Director: Paul Schrader

Writer: Paul Schrader

Cinematographer: Alexander Dynan

Cast: Ethan Hawke, Amanda Seyfried

'It's been a long journey for Paul Schrader, the screenwriter who gave us American classics such as 'Taxi Driver', 'Raging Bull' and 'American Gigolo'. It was fair to think Schrader's best work was far in the rearview, and he would ride off as a once-vital talent who faded into the sunset. Now comes 'First Reformed', which Schrader wrote and directed, and it shows a raging fire still burns deep within the 71-year-old.

'First Reformed' is a passionate, unnerving and almost unbearably tense drama about faith, conviction and the rotting core of life on our planet. It's the Schrader many hoped was still alive and kicking but doubted we would ever see again. What a comeback' - Adam Graham, Detroit News.

Ethan Hawke plays Toller, pastor of the First Reformed Church. Mary (Amanda Seyfried), part of his tiny, diminishing flock comes to Toller to get him to talk sense into her husband who is beset with doubts over their forthcoming baby - his radical environmental views makes him fear for the baby. Toller, who is himself full of doubts, tries to help, but his own fears make him less than convincing...

With thanks to one of our members who suggested this film.