

## Life Application Questions

- ❖ Do you daily give thanks for the riches that are yours in Christ?
- ❖ What changes in your heart or behavior do you need to make to protect the unity of our congregation and to further its God-given mission?
- ❖ To whom do you need to express honor or appreciation this week?
- ❖ How is the Lord leading you to put the interest of others before your own?

## I am Committed to Christ's Community

- ❖ I will protect the unity of the community: I commit to pursuing the vision of Christ's church together as a congregation, following my leaders, and honoring others.
- ❖ I will encourage others: I will be mutually submitted to others in my congregation. I commit to encourage others, and to love others as Christ loves me. I commit to only speak words that build others up, and refuse to engage in gossip or slander.

Understanding Membership is available online at <http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/documents/>

Sermon audio and notes are available online at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Gary Gingrich had knee replacement surgery on Sept 19.
- ~Scott Weir home recovering with a broken neck & leg after an accident.
- ~Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, **especially Jorvens.**
- ~Sharon Dulyea had an MRI on Aug 16 for sciatic nerve pain. Waiting for results.
- ~Carol Riegling is on oxygen & consulting with doctors.
- ~Elaine Pierson is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~Dave Mundwiler – MRI results show tumor is stable. Continues treatments.
- ~Bill Boyd continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Ray Dulyea continued prayer his kidney "numbers" will not change.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Emily Bowers, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

### Extended Family:

- ~Sarah Degen (Yurick's daughter) undergoing radiation.
- ~Kathy Lambers (friend of Bergman's) 6<sup>th</sup> battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~Barry Lambers (Kathy's husband) suffered spinal injury, paralyzed waist down.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Jan Lapp (Tyler's mom) is undergoing chemo treatments for stomach cancer.

### Sympathy is Expressed to:

**Pastor Ken & Ruth Westrate** at the death of Ruth's sister, **Myra Ratering**, 9/27.  
Friends & family of **Tom Smith** who passed away on 9/29 in New Jersey.

## Welcome!

We are glad you're here! We want your experience to be a good one, so we have put together a bit of info to help you know what to expect while you are here.

**Our worship service:** Thanks for joining us today! We will begin the service with singing. Feel free to stand, sing, or just listen as we express our worship to God. If you don't know the songs, don't worry, just follow along with the words on the screen!

**The message:** This is a time of practical teaching from the Bible. Often, multi-media presentations are incorporated to supplement the message. There is space in the bulletin to take notes if you wish.

**The offering:** This is a time to share with the church how God has blessed us financially. If you are visiting, don't feel you have to contribute. The only thing we'd like from you is your connections card (bulletin insert).

**Prayer time:** We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

**Refreshments:** Join us for coffee in the lobby after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary gift mug and welcome packet. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

**Childcare:** Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service! We love that our church is a welcoming place for families. We do have a nursery for children ages 0-3 years if you would prefer to use that. We also have a parent-infant room near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers. Children ages 3-7 are invited to participate in Children's Worship, an age-appropriate worship and learning time. Children start service with their parents and will be dismissed part way through. If you are unfamiliar with this program, you are encouraged to accompany your kids the first time. They can be picked up after each service in Room 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

**Formality:** We have no dress code. Whether you are in jeans or a tux, we're just glad you're here! You are also welcome to sip your coffee or read along with scripture passages on your mobile devices. We just ask that you silence your phones as a courtesy to others.

To learn more about our ministries and beliefs, be sure to pick up a welcome packet in the lobby or visit our website: [rockfordreformedchurch.org](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org).

**Vision:** To always be a living reflection of Christ's hands, feet, and voice in the community.

**Mission:** To connect people to Jesus Christ and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Him through worship and fellowship, so they will reach out to serve and disciple others for the glory of God.

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Rockford Reformed Church  
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, October 2, 2016  
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Hallelujah To Saving Grace*

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Manifesto, How Firm A Foundation, Give Us Clean Hands*

Children (ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

### OFFERING

### PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11 (p.894)

### MESSAGE

"One Body, One Purpose: Loving Christ's Bride"

Pastor Paul Bradford

### COMMUNION

### RESPONSE

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)*

### CLOSING BLESSING

### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Julie Ringnalda, Lilly Johnson (11:00am) Pam & Kathryn Jacobs, Melissa Fisk

### Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Chris Knapp, Nicholas Knapp (11:00am) Jodi Becksvort, Kori Yurick, Sarah McIntosh

**Next Sunday:** "One Body, One Purpose: Receiving Life from Community"  
Ephesians 4:15-16 (p.892) • Pastor Paul Bradford



## What's Going On?

### Today:

**8:15am: Prayer** in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

**Sun, Oct 2, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting** in the gym.

**Sunday School** for all ages:

- **Ages 3 – DK** meet in Classroom #111
- **Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grade** meet in Classroom #101
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- **Senior High** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults:** "Faith & Politics – Our Past, Present, & Future," led by Ryan DeKuiper in the Fireside Room #253

**6:30pm: High School Youth Group.** Meet in the Youth Room #153

### This Week:

**Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting** in the sanctuary

**Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast.** Join us any time.

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study** – "Discover Isaiah," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

**Wed, Oct 5, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck.** Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food and conversation. Program following: Words of Hope with Bryan Boersma (our former Associate Pastor).

### Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club**

6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Christianity, Cults, & World Religions" – Co-ed Class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Keep It Shut" – Women's Study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Oct 15.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.**

**Communion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:** Watch for information.

**Church Office Closed & Limited Hours:** Marcia is on vacation Oct 4-21. The office will be closed on Monday, Oct 10 & 17. *Limited hours Tuesday-Friday.*

**Wed, Oct 12, 5:00-6:30pm: Flu Shot Clinic** in Rm #141 (Music Rm). Sign-up at the desk in the back of the sanctuary. Walk-ins welcome also.

**Discovery Class, Sat, Oct 29 & Nov 5:** This two session class is for those **interested in membership** or learning more about the church. We will meet from 9-11am at the home of Steve & Nancy Steenwyk. They have NO pets, so people with pet allergies can come. Childcare will be provided, if needed. Contact the church office (866-2308) if you are interested.

**Usher Volunteers needed for the 8:45am service.** Women or men welcome. Contact Wilma Nelson (866-3502) or the church office if you are interested.

**On-line Giving:** You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website [www.RockfordReformedChurch.org](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brian@rockfordrc.org](mailto:brian@rockfordrc.org)

**MS & HS Sunday School** at 10:00am

**MS** – Youth Room #153, **HS** Rm #246

**MS Youth Group** (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades): Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Youth Rm #153.

**HS Youth Group** (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades): Sundays at 6:30pm in the Youth Rm #153.

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org)

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [laura@rockfordrc.org](mailto:laura@rockfordrc.org)

**Sunday School** for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 10:00am

**KidLife Club** (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

Wednesdays: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Clubs

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 272

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,723.80

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,960.00

## Loving Christ's Bride

*4<sup>th</sup> Series: One Body, One Purpose*

Text: Philippians 2:1-11

Sunday: 10/2/2016

### Intro

### God's Word

① **Our Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ us so much!**

② **Let us be \_\_\_\_\_ in heart, mind, and purpose for the sake of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_!**

③ **Let us put the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of others above our own – just like \_\_\_\_\_ did!**

### Our Response

**Because our Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ us so much, let us be \_\_\_\_\_ in heart, mind, and purpose, putting the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of others above our own for the sake of Christ's bride and the \_\_\_\_\_!**