

## Life Transformation Questions

- ❖ *What attributes of God do you rejoice in and give thanks for today?*
- ❖ *What acts of God, or gifts from God, do you rejoice in and give thanks for today?*
- ❖ *Is God calling you to accept the 40 Day Thanksgiving and Joy Challenge? How are you going to put it into practice?*

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Ken Westrate** is home and continues to improve.
- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**Carol Riegling** continues to deal with health issues.
- ~**Sharon Dulyea** for continued healing/pain management.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – Next MRI on Nov 18. Pray the tumor is stable/shrunk.
- ~**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:

- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk's son-in-law) diagnosed with Burkitts Lymphoma. Has started very aggressive chemo.
- ~**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) has finished treatments, no significant improvement.

### Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Matt & Ashley Edwards** on the birth of their son, **Elliott Preston**, on Nov 13.  
Congratulations to **Aaron & Renee Harvey** on the birth of their son, **Jonah Aaron**, on Nov 6. Grandparents are **Lee & Faith Paull**.

## 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**  
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**Sunday, November 20, 2016**

**Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**



*Prodigal*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Rejoice, Praise to The Lord, Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

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

#### OFFERING

#### PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 (p.901)

#### MESSAGE

“The Five Solas: Transformed by Thankfulness”

Pastor Paul Bradford

#### RESPONSE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

#### CLOSING BLESSING

#### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Polly Johnson, Brianna Knapp (11:00am) Jaime Mueller, Sara, Kate & Aimee Zang

#### Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Beth Jennings (11:00am) Emily DeWitte, Becki Pilko, Avery Jennings

**Next Sunday:** “O Come Emmanuel!”  
Isaiah 9:1-7 (p.456) • Pastor Paul Bradford



## What's Going On?

### Today:

**8:20am: Prayer** in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

**10:00am: Sunday School** for all ages:

**NOTE: No Sunday School Classes next week, Nov 27**

- **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
- **High School** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults:** "Staying In Love," led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in the Fireside Room #253. **NO** class today, Nov 20.

**Annual Food Drive for North Kent Community Services:** After today, food can still be dropped off directly to the Center at 10075 Northland Dr NE.

**BRING A FROZEN TURKEY TO CHURCH TODAY!** Our goal this year is 150 turkeys!! We will have people in the parking lot ready to take your donated food and turkeys directly to North Kent.

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

**NOTE: No Youth Group meeting next week, Nov 27**

### 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.

### Wednesday Night Activities:

**NOTE: No Wednesday Activities this week, Nov 23!**

**Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club.** Fireside Rm #253.

November Book: *South of Superior* by Ellen Airgood. Next meeting is Dec 1.

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Dec 3.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

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

**Wed, Dec 7, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group** Christmas Lunch. Lunch will be catered (donations appreciated to cover costs). RSVP w/Wilma @ 866-2389. Musical program by Tammy Bradford following lunch.

**Sat, Dec 10, 5:30-8:00pm: Parents Night Out.** Drop off your kids (ages infant – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Dinner & snack provided. RSVP w/Beth Jennings, [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org) Donations benefit our youth for events/missions.

**Sat, Dec 10, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Lunch** at Timbers Restaurant, then to Barb Ribbons's home for dessert and games. RSVP w/Carol Knox @ 866-4845.

**Sun, Dec 11, 5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting.** Selection of Elders & Deacons and approval of the 2017 Budget. *Pre-view packets and Nominee information will be available next Sunday, Nov 27.*

**Fri, Dec 16, 7-9pm: Rockford Christmas Celebration & Live Nativity** in downtown Rockford. Watch for details.

**Magi Tree coming soon** in the lobby at RRC. Needed items include Pajamas, Socks, Underwear, Bath Towels, Dish Towels, Bedding, Pillows, Winter Coats, Pants & Boots. These items will help address the most pressing needs of the clients of North Kent Community Services. Deadline is Sunday, Dec 11.

**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)

**Sunday School** at 10:00am: **MS** (Youth Room #153), **HS** (Rm #246)

**NOTE: No Sunday School Classes next week, Nov 27**

**MS** meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, **HS** meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

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

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

**NOTE: No Sunday School Classes next week, Nov 27**

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

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

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**Wed, Dec 14: KidLife "Simply Christmas" Christmas Program**

6:00pm Dinner in the gym, 6:45pm Program in the sanctuary

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 253

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$13,096.80

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,170.00

## Transformed by Thankfulness

*4<sup>th</sup> in Series: The Five Solas*

Text: 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sunday: 11/20/2016

### Intro

**Thanksgiving is a \_\_\_\_\_ and an essential \_\_\_\_\_ which, put into practice, will \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.**

### Lesson

*1Thessalonians 5:16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

① **Thanksgiving is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

② **Thanksgiving will \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.**

③ **Thanksgiving is an essential \_\_\_\_\_ that we must put into \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Our Response

**Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ and give \_\_\_\_\_ continually.**