

# 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, December 11, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

*Joy Has Dawned*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing, We Have A Savior*

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE (JOY) Bergman Family

*The First Noel*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Pastor Tony & Molly Campbell,  
Ashley & Matt Edwards, Rich Moll, Darren & Sarah Proppe,  
Floyd & Carol Riegling, Chris & Megan Ter Veen, John & Barb Vander Meulen

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

OFFERING

Celebration Choir: *Lead Me To Bethlehem*

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98 (p.454); Luke 2:8-14 (p.783)

MESSAGE

"A Christmas Carol: King of Kings!"

*Joy To The World*

Pastor Tony Campbell

RESPONSE

*Joy To The World*

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Alicia Stuckey, Kate Fleetham (11:00am) Beth & Anna Triezenberg

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Chris Knapp, Nicholas Knapp (11:00am) Nancy Steenwyk, Leigh Verburg, Sarah McIntosh

Next Sunday: "A Christmas Carol: Joy to the World!"

Psalm 98 (p.454); Luke 2:8-14 (p.783) • Pastor Tony Campbell

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Don De Good had emergency surgery for an infection.
- ~Gary Gingrich had knee replacement surgery on Dec 7. Home & doing well.
- ~Ken Westrate is home and continues to improve.
- ~Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.
- ~Carol Riegling continues to deal with health issues.
- ~Elaine Pierson is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~Dave Mundwiler – tumor is stable, continues treatment.
- ~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, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

### Extended Family:

- ~Carrol Orton (Sharon Dulyea's sister) diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ~Cheri DeGood (Don & Doris' daughter-in-law) back surgery on Dec 2.
- ~Nancy Kingma (cousin of Pomrankas) diagnosed with B-cell Lymphoma.
- ~Brandon Homrich (Newkirk's son-in-law) undergoing 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 **Luke & Amanda Morgan** on the adoption of their son, **Marcus Gabriel**. Born April 22, 2016 - Adoption final November 2016.

## 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:

- **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 Rm#253.

**Sun, Dec 11: Blood Pressure Screening** after both services. Rm#211

**5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting.** Selection of Elders & Deacons and approval of the 2017 Budget. Child care provided. Absentee ballots and Pre-view packets are on the desk in the back of the sanctuary. Deadline for Absentee ballots is noon today.

**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** – "Speaking Wisely," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

**Wednesday Night Activities:** **NO** regular programming. Join us for

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

6:00pm Dinner in the gym

6:45pm Program in the sanctuary

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

Dec/Jan Book: *The Gate* by Dann A. Stouten. Next meeting is Jan 26.

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Jan 14.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

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

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

**Fri, Dec 16, 7-9pm: Rockford Christmas Celebration & Live Nativity** in downtown Rockford. Christmas Caroling @ 6:45pm starts at N. Rockford Middle School & Rockford Baptist Church. Live Nativity @ Speed Merchants Bicycle Shop.

The church office will be **CLOSED** on **Friday, Dec 16** and **Mon, Dec 19.**

**Fri, Dec 23: Christmas Candlelight Services at 4:00pm & 6:00pm.** Offering is for the Benevolent Fund to help with medical costs for Jorvens. Child Care provided.

**Sun, Dec 25: Christmas Day – ONE Service at 10:00am**

**Magi Tree** in the lobby of RRC to benefit clients of North Kent Community Services. Bring your unwrapped items back to church by TODAY, Sun, Dec 11.

**Year-End Contributions** must be received in the church office, or on-line, no later than **12:00noon on Fri, Dec 30.**

**Mentors needed for Kids Hope!** Contact Audrey Shantz, [audreyschantz@gmail.com](mailto:audreyschantz@gmail.com)

**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)

**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

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

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

**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: 280

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,451.49

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,170.00

Last week's Benevolent Fund offering: \$1,470.00

## Joy to the World!

*3<sup>rd</sup> in Series: A Christmas Carol*

Text: Psalm 98; Luke 2:8-14

Sunday: 12/11/2016