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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Paul Hendricks** is in rehab at Metron Cedar Springs after hip surgery.
- ~**Dave Diephouse** recovering after hip replacement surgery Dec 14.
- ~**Doris De Good** continues physical rehab at home.
- ~**Sarah Proppe** – pray for continued healing. Back to work.
- ~**Carol Riegling** – continued prayers appreciated.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** has started dialysis.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – MRI showed tumor is stable. Continues treatments.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~Be in prayer for **Austin McConnon** (Nat'l Guard) and all **military personnel, disaster victims, and people searching for jobs.**

### Extended Family:

- ~**Rog Sikkema** (Pomranka's brother-in-law) in rehab and doing well.
- ~**Chloe Honeysette** (cousin of McConnons) – diagnosed with cancer.
- ~**Joe Pilko** (Eric Pilko's dad) – undergoing chemo & radiation treatments.
- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) continues rehab for speech/memory and chemo for cancer treatment.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) continues chemo treatments.

### Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Lucy Layman** who turns **85** on Dec 28.  
 Congratulations to **Jason & Allyson Bradley** at the adoption of **Isai & Analiyah**.  
 Proud grandparents are Doug & Lyn Peterman.

## 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. A Prayer Team is also available in the front of the sanctuary to pray with people after the service.

**Refreshments:** Join us for coffee in the back of church after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary Welcome Bag in the lower lobby. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

**Children 5<sup>th</sup> Grade & Under:** Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service or may attend KidLife (available both services)! The KidLife Check-in Station is in the Fellowship Hall Room 100. ALL children attending KidLife should be checked in before the service even if they will be going down to KidLife after the first part of 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'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 Bag 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, December 24, 2017**  
**Worship @ 9:30am**



*Come and Stand Amazed You People*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Peace)**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP**

*Joy to the World, Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

(NO KidLife Programming Today or December 31 – Family Service Sundays)

**OFFERING**

*Joy Has Dawned, Doxology*

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2:8-20 (p.783)

**MESSAGE**

“Experiencing Joy”

Jason Vermeulen

**RESPONSE**

*O Holy Night*

**CLOSING BLESSING**

*(Prayer Team available in the front of the Sanctuary after the service)*

**Today's Nursery Volunteers:**

(9:30am) Stephanie Bergman, Tamra Miller, Avery Jennings (11:00am) No 11am service today

**Next Sunday:** “Embracing Peace”

Luke 2:14 (p.783); Isaiah 9:6-7 (p.527) • Jason Vermeulen

# What's Going On?

**Today:**

9:05am: Prayer in Room 212 to pray over the services. All welcome!  
9:40am: Time of Prayer in the Fireside Rm#253. All welcome!

Sunday School for all ages:

**NOTE: No Sunday School on Dec 24 or Dec 31.**

*KidLife Check-in Station is located in the Fellowship Hall Room 100*

- KidLife for Ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 9:20-10:40am and 10:50am-12:15pm  
~ **Ages 3 - K** meet in Rm 101, **1st - 5th grade** meet in Rm 112
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) @ 9:30am in the Youth Rm 153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) @ 9:30am in Room 246

6:00pm: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** (Offering is designated for Lighthouse Community Church to help support Darryl DeGood's Mission Trip to Guatemala)

6:30-8:00pm: **High School Youth Group** - in Youth Room 153.

**NOTE: No Youth Group on Dec 24 or Dec 31.**

**This Week:**

**Mondays, 7:15pm: Weekly Brief Prayer Meeting.** Led by Vic Yurick.

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

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study:** "Study of Acts"

Led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd. Meet in Room 212. *Back Jan 9.*

**Wednesday Night Activities:**

**NOTE: No Wednesday Night Activities on Dec 27 or Jan 3.**

**Every other Sat, 7:15-8:30am. Men's Study Breakfast:** "Accepting the Call to Personal Transformation." Fireside Rm 253. *Next meeting - in Jan*

**Announcements/Events - GENERAL:**

**Family Mail Folders and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.**

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

**Year-End Contributions** must be received in the church office no later than **12:00noon on Fri, Dec 29**, or on-line by midnight Dec 31.

**Transition Pastor Hired:** Consistory unanimously voted to hire **Rev. Tim Meendering** under a starting term contract of 18 months to start early 2018.

**Coffee Volunteers Needed:** Contact Emillie Clayton 616-617-1744.

**Sun, Dec 31: Ordination/Installation** of new Elders & Deacons at both services.

**Results of Annual Congregational Meeting:**

Administrative Elder: Jim Scholten (3yr)  
Administrative Deacon: Dianne Bennett (3yr)  
Shepherd Elder: Miriam Carpenter (3yr), Rich Moll (3yr)  
Service Deacon: Jim Tilton (3yr), Dave VanderWiere (3yr),  
Amanda Gerhardt (2yr),  
2018 Budget was approved.

**Outgoing Consistory Members:** Scott Brownell, Ryan DeKuiper, Craig VanderHeide, Rob Bergman, Tyler Meyerink, Eric Ringnalda, Dan Trizenberg.  
*Thank you for your faithful service to RRC!*

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace Classes** - meets for 9 weeks, every Wed, Jan 10 - March 7, 6:30-8pm in the Fireside Room. Cost is \$109. Sign-up at <https://www.fpucentral.com/classes/1052152/registration>. Interested, but not sure you can afford it - contact Karen Bazen [karen@bazenfamily.net](mailto:karen@bazenfamily.net)

**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:**

9:30-10:30am: **MS** (Youth Room 153), **HS** (Room 246)

**MS** Youth Group meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

**HS** Youth Group meets on Sundays, 6:30-8:00pm

**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 Sundays (ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

9:20-10:40am and 10:50am-12:15pm

*KidLife Check-in Station is located in the Fellowship Hall Room 100*

**KidLife Club:** Wednesdays - 6:00pm Family Dinner, 6:30pm KidLife Club

# Experiencing Joy

Text: Luke 2:8-20

Sunday: 12/24/2017

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**Attendance / Finance:**

Last week's attendance: 285  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,504.58  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$420.00