

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, dance, 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. If you don't have a Bible, ask for one at the information desk, and it's yours to keep!

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 (on the back of this page).

Prayer time: We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service. On the last Sunday of each month, elders will be available to meet confidentially after services with anyone desiring spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational healing.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the back of the sanctuary 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 cry 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 5 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. If they fill out a sermon notes card, they can turn it in at the information desk for a special treat!

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 at the information desk or visit our website: rockfordreformedchurch.org.

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Linda VanHouten is home recovering.
- ~Elden Hunsberger is back in the hospital.
- ~Ray Dulyea – continued prayer that his kidney test “numbers” will not change.
- ~Bill Boyd continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Michael Best, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~Nico Parker (grandson of Hank & Nancy Jansen) continues tests for swallowing difficulties.
- ~Dave Aldrich (friend of Scott Kruizenga) recovering from surgery to reconstruct vertebrae.
- ~Marcia Pollie (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Sympathy:

- Sympathy is expressed to **Bud & Carolyn Feikema & family** at the death of their sister-in-law, **Susan Leemgraven**, on September 12.
- Sympathy is expressed to **Bren & Audrey Shantz & family** at the death of Audrey's father, **Robert Smith**, on September 7.
- Sympathy is expressed to **Mark & Kerry Schrottenboer & family** at the death of Kerry's father, **Les Westenbroek**, on September 10.

Attendance / Finance:

- Last week's attendance: 328
- Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$13,705.75
- Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,520.00



Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, September 22, 2013 • Worship 8:45am & 11:00am

“Awww, do we have to?”

Matthew 16:18 • Pastor Bryan Boersma •

Welcome & Announcements

Music

8:45am & 11:00am: *Forever, Lord I Need You,
A Mighty Fortress, Speak O Lord*

Presentation of 2nd & 6th Grade Bibles

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Krista Vanden Heuvel, Olivia Pastula
11:00am: Nancy Steenwyk, Morgan Bouwkamp



Offering

Prayer

Scripture

Message

Music

8:45am & 11:00am: #139 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction

Postlude:

Nursery - 8:45am: Chris Knapp, Cora Vanden Heuvel 11:00am: Jaime Mueller, Melissa Vander Tuuk

Next Sunday:

“The Gift of Sex”

Genesis 2:18-25; Proverbs 5:15-23 • Pastor Rick Tigchou

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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