

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:

- ~Pray for the **High School Youth Retreat** at Cran-Hill Ranch. They leave at 6:00pm on Friday and return Sunday at noon.
- ~**Norm Rottman** is recovering after hip replacement surgery on Sept. 23.
- ~**Pastor Lou Harvey** is at Butterworth recovering after heart valve replacement surgery on Oct 3.
- ~**Linda VanHouten** is home and continues to deal with a secondary infection.
- ~**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:

- ~**Becca Kalee** (Casey & Sue's daughter-in-law) will be consulting with doctors at Mayo Clinic (Oct 7-11) for pain/blood issues.
- ~**Emma Festavan** (family friend of Tuttle) recovering from two surgeries to hopefully correct infantile spasms/seizures.
- ~**Nico Parker** (grandson of Hank & Nancy Jansen) continues tests for swallowing difficulties.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Erik & Sarah Fikkert** on the birth of their Son, **Ethan Gerald**, on September 19. Proud grandparents are **Joe & Suzanne Bredow**.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Arlene Hunsberger & family** at the death of her husband, **Elden**, on September 26.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 296
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,539.00
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$135.00



Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, October 6, 2013 • Worship 8:45am & 11:00am

“The Gift Defiled”

Proverbs 5:1-14, 20-23 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

Welcome & Announcements

Music

8:45am & 11:00am: #63 *All Creatures of Our God and King*,
#16 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Offering

Music – 8:45am: #337 *Nothing But the Blood* 11:00am: *Arms Open Wide*
(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Emilie Clayton, Trevor Marsman
11:00am: Rachel & Sami DeKuiper, Anya Fanberg

Prayer

Scripture

Message

Music – 8:45am: #460 *Let Us Break Bread Together*
11:00am: *Behold the Lamb*

Communion

Music – 8:45am: #815 *Doxology* 11:00am: *Give Us Clean Hands*

Benediction

Postlude:

Nursery - 8:45am: Lori VerMerris, Lilly Johnson 11:00am: Jen Klaasen, Kori Yurick, Shannon Fanberg

Next Sunday:

“Responsible Sexuality”

I Corinthians 7:1-5; II Timothy 2:20-22 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

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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