

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 complimentary 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:

- ~**Ben Gandy** is recovering after back surgery on Nov 26.
- ~**Lee Harvey** is in the rehab facility at Porter Hills under Hospice care.
- ~**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:

- ~**Doug Elzerman** (Jane's brother) diagnosed with stage IV spinal cancer and is under Hospice care. Call the church office for Jane's address.
- ~**Elsa Scholten** (Nancy Tigchon's mom) hospitalized with infection and torn hamstring.
- ~**Judy Shanken** (Shanken's sister-in-law) dealing with blood clot in lung & other complications.
- ~**Israel Madema** (Arlene Hunsberger's grandson) under Hospice care for terminal brain cancer.
- ~**Marilyn Grindol** (Nancy Jansen's sister) is undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Attendance / Finance:

- Last week's attendance: 427
- Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,050.80
- Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$700.00



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

“Why Jesus Says He Came”

Matthew 20:20-28 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

Welcome & Announcements

Music

8:45am & 11:00am: *You Alone Can Rescue, O Holy Night,*
Angels We Have Heard on High, (Video), Joy to the World

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Krista & Abby VandenHeuvel 11:00am: Brenda Bouwkamp, Kathryn Jacobs

Offering

Prayer

Scripture

Message

Music

8:45am & 11:00am: *Behold Our God*

Benediction

Postlude:

Nursery - 8:45am: Lisa Vergouwe, Cora VandenHeuvel

11:00am: Kelly & Sisaleigh Montgomery, Kendall Bouwkamp



Next Sunday:

“Succeeding God's Way”

Hebrews 12:1-3 • 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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