

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. 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. Also, there is an opportunity at 8:30am (before the first service) to meet to pray for the morning services in classroom #1.

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:

- ~**John Harding Sr** is healing well from burns he suffered in a tractor accident. He is home but will probably need some skin grafting on his feet.
- ~**George Mansell** has returned to his home at Porter Hills and is doing well in recovering from his recent stroke.
- ~**Nita Broome's** intricate surgery to remove a growth on her spinal cord went "exceptionally well" according to Wendell.
- ~**Tom Smith** is still recovering and is currently at Oradell Healthcare Center in Oradell, New Jersey.
- ~**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: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Greg Hewitt** (friend of Van Houtens) diagnosed with Leukemia and will be undergoing a bone marrow transplant.
- ~**Ernie Walton** (Sally Bower's dad) is under Hospice Care (stage 4 kidney disease)
- ~**Maddie Tomasko** (friend of Lilly Johnson) dealing with kidney issues.
- ~**Shirley Jonker** (Dianne Bennett's mother) is under Hospice care.
- ~**Ron Vander Putte** (Broome's nephew) recent test results show tumor on throat is gone and tumor on pancreas has reduced.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

- ~Congratulations to **Rodney & Kristy (Glaza) Norman** who were united in marriage on November 1.
- ~Congratulations to **Andy & Kimberly (Coon) Reynolds** who were united in marriage on November 8.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Don & Doris De Good and family** at the death of Don's brother, **Henry De Good**, on Oct 17.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 265
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,190.80
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$730.00



Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, November 9, 2014 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am
"Sermon on the Mount: Are You Smarter Than Jesus?"
Matthew 6:19-34 (p.741) • Pastor David Dethmers

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Special Music

Preparation

Be Unto Your Name

You Are My King (Amazing Love);

#314 What Wondrous Love Is This

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Chris Knapp, Nicholas Knapp

11:00am: Jodi Becksvort, Anya Fanberg, Derek

Offering

Prayer (*Dan Buckley, Shepherd Elder*)

Scripture

Message

Response

In Christ Alone

Benediction

Postlude

Nursery - 8:45am: Megan DeVries, Lilly Johnson

11:00am: Pam & Kathryn Jacobs, Shannon Fanberg

Next Sunday:

"Generosity Changes Everything"

Luke 19:11-27 • Rev. Ben Ingebretson

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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