

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:

- ~**Betty Greenland** is undergoing treatment again for re-occurring cancer.
- ~**John Harding Sr** had skin grafting on his foot and should be back home now.
- ~**Nita Broome's** surgery to remove a growth on her spinal cord went well and she is recovering at home.
- ~**Tom Smith** moved to a Rehab Hospital: Oradell Healthcare Center, 600 Kinderkamack Rd, Oradell NJ 07649, ph (201)599-5435
- ~**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:

- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) diagnosed with leukemia and has started chemo treatments.
- ~**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 **Denny & Joan Cool** who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 21. Join them between services Sunday, Nov. 23 for a cake reception in the FLC.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 259
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,904.80
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$615.00



Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, November 23, 2014 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

“Gratitude Changes Everything”

Luke 17:12-19 (p.800) • Rev. Ben Ingebretson

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation

*Blessed Be Your Name, #11 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,
The Wonderful Cross*

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Krista Vanden Heuvel, Cora Vanden Heuvel
11:00am: Rachel DeKuiper, Anna Triezenberg

Offering

Prayer (*Scott Brownell, Administrative Elder, V.P. of Consistory*)

Scripture

Message

Response

All I Have Is Christ, Jesus Thank You

Benediction

Postlude

Nursery - 8:45am: Deb Mc Connon, Kate Fleetham
11:00am: Becki Pilko, Melissa VanderTuuk, Sami DeKuiper



Next Sunday:

“Advent Joy”



Isaiah 55:1-2; 6-12; Philippians 4:1; 4-9; John 15:9-11 • Pastor David Dethmers

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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Notes

Announcements

Today:
8:30am: Prayer Meeting in Rm #1. All welcome!
NOTE: No Sunday School classes Nov 30 – Happy Thanksgiving!
9:50am: Sunday School Classes for Kids/Youth
 Ages 3, 4, & DK meet in Classroom #9
 Grades K-5th meet in the “Acts of Faith” Room
 Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room
 Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #25
10:00am: Adult Sunday School Classes

- A Bible Study of Colossians & Philemon, w/Karen & Fred Bazen, Rm#22
- Christian: It’s Not What You Think!, w/Polly Johnson, Fireside Rm

6:30pm: Senior High Youth Group (grades 9-12) in the Youth Room
This Week:
Mon, 6:00pm: Jewelry Party Adoption Fundraiser for Luke & Amanda Morgan has been rescheduled to Monday, Nov 24. Meet in the Old Fellowship Hall
Tues, 7:00am: Men’s Prayer Breakfast. Join us any time.
Tues, 9:30am: Ladies Bible Study, led by Jean Boyd & Marcia Coleman. Rm#1
Wed, NO Wednesday Night Programming Nov 26 – Happy Thanksgiving!
Thurs, 12:00noon: Community Thanksgiving Dinner at RRC. Volunteers, Desserts (lots) and 12 Turkeys needed!
Fri, 9:30am: Women’s Bible Study (child care available). Fireside Room #20
Sat, (1st & 3rd), 7:00am: Men/Boys “Saturday Series” in the FLC.
Announcements & Upcoming Events:
***Pastor David** is on vacation until November 29.
***Wed, Dec 3, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Christmas Lunch.** This is a catered meal so please RSVP with Wilma Rottman @866-2389.
***Sun, Dec 7:**
Communion will be celebrated at both morning services.
10:00am: Congregation Information Meeting by Pastor David Dethmers
5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting. Election of Elders & Deacons and 2015 Budget. (Child Care available)
 Nominee info sheets and Budget Pre-view Packets are in your mailbox.
***Sun, Dec 14: Annual Christmas Music Celebration** at both services.
Celebration Choir Rehearsals Tuesdays, Dec 2 & Dec 9 (6:30-7:30pm)
***Magi Tree:** Each star represents a child from a client family at NKCS. Choose a star and purchase one or more of the items listed on the back. Return the item(s) to church (**unwrapped**) by Sunday, Dec.7
***New Pictorial Directory:** Photos on Dec 8, 9 & 10. **Sign-up** now in the foyer or on-line. NO sales pressure to order! Every family receives a free 8x10.

Connections Card

If you wish to use this card, tear it off at the fold and place it in the offering plate, or take it to the information desk.

- I would like to know more about becoming a follower of Christ
- I'm a visitor and would like more information about RRC
- I would like offering envelopes
- Prayer request (please keep confidential)
- Prayer request (may be shared)
- I'm interested in membership
- Suggestion, question, or concern
- Update my contact info (see below)
- Subscribe to e-news (email address required)

I want to sign up or volunteer for: _____

You may submit this anonymously, but if you would like a response or are signing up for something, please give us your contact info:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Want more info?

Just stop by our information desk at the back of the sanctuary or go online:

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