

# 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](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org).

**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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# Prayer Fellowship

## Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Margaret Buffum is home recovering after back surgery on Aug 17.
- ~John Fanberg is recovering after knee replacement surgery on July 16.
- ~Joel Van Houten is healing after surgery on his vocal chords.
- ~Dave Mundwiler is undergoing radiation treatments for brain cancer.
- ~Pray for our RRC Summer Campers as they attend local Christian camps: Camp Geneva, Cran-Hill Ranch, Camp Roger, and Pine Ridge.
- ~Betty Greenland is making slow progress and dealing with complications after surgery.
- ~Shirley Barth is home but 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: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel. Nick Welch has been deployed to Iraq.

## Extended Family:

- ~Evelyn Gage (Alice Van Luinen's daughter/Doug's sister) is scheduled for surgery on August 27 to have 5 vertebrae replaced in her neck.
- ~Russ VerMerris (Kevin's dad) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Joan Rexer (Brenda VanderHeide's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Dawson Babiak (nephew of VandenHeuvels) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Greg Hewitt (friend of Van Houtens) cancer is back. Undergoing chemo treatments and he is now home under Hospice care.

## Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Don & Doris De Good** who will celebrate **55 years of marriage** on August 26.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 165  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,110.00  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,325.00



Rockford Reformed Church  
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, August 23, 2015 • Worship @ 9:30am  
“The Messiah's Community: The Mystery”  
Ephesians 3:1-13 (p.891) • Pastor Paul Bradford

## Prelude • Welcome & Announcements

### SONGS OF PREPARATION

*Open Up the Heavens*  
*When I Survey*  
*Shout to the Lord*

Moment for Missions: Mark & Deb Wilson  
RCA Missionaries to Cambodia

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

### OFFERING

#### PRAYER

Roger Hoogewind

### SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE

#### SONG OF RESPONSE

#572 *Blessed Assurance*

### Benediction • Postlude

#### Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Melissa Vander Tuuk, Stephanie Bergman, Madelyn Mc Connon

#### Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am) Beth Jennings

Next Sunday: “The Messiah's Community: Loved and Empowered”  
Ephesians 3:14-21 (p.891) • Pastor Paul Bradford

