Our Response
Expect and welcome God’s gracious work and ordinary, imperfect __________.

Sermon audio and notes are available online at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship
Recovery & Intercession:
~Steve Steenwyk had additional surgery for an abscess on Friday.
~Arlene Hunsberger is home after outpatient eye surgery on Nov 24.
~The Vanden Heuvel Family are on a mission trip to Kenya, Africa and return Dec 5.
~Mark Schrotenboer is dealing with a torn meniscus.
~Nancy Jansen continues healing after neck surgery.
~Dennis Vander Kyle undergoing physical therapy after shoulder surgery.
~Dave Mundwiler - tumor has grown and has started new treatments.
~Shirley Barth is home but under Hospice Care.
~Bill Boyd continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.

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Extended Family:
~Brian Carpenter (Tom & Miriam’s son) surgery was successful to relieve chronic arm pain. He is home recovering.
~Kelly McClure (Carpenter’s daughter) baby was due Nov 24 and baby will need open heart surgery after birth for a heart defect.
~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma’s mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

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Prayer time: We will pray together a couple of times throughout the service.

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Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the lobby 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 parent-infant 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 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children’s bulletins are available.

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 in the lobby or visit our website: 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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Matthew 1:18-25 (p.767); Luke 1:26-38 (p. 781) • Pastor Paul Bradford
Announcements/Events

What's Going On?

Today:
8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

NOTE: NO Sunday School Classes TODAY, November 29!

10:00am: Sunday School for all ages.
- Ages 3, 4, & DK meet in Classroom #122
- Grades K-5th meet in Classroom #101
- Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #246

Adult Classes:
- "Follow," a video series by Andy Stanley, led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in the Fireside Room #253.

6:30pm: High School Youth Group in YR #153 – NO meeting this week

This Week:
Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast. Join us any time.
Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: A study on "Romans," led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

Wednesdays, Pioneer Clubs: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Clubs
6:30pm: Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
6:45pm: Adult Classes

Wed. Dec 2, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Christmas Luncheon. Catered meal so RSVP w/Wilma Rottman @ 866-2389. (Donation to cover cost) Program to follow lunch.

Thurs, Dec 3, 7:30pm: Men's Tailgate Cookout. Watch the Game (Packers @ Lions) on the big screen. Food & beverage provided. Invite your friends!

Every other Friday, 6:30-7:30am: Men's Breakfast & Study – "33," a look at the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Meet in the gym for a "real" breakfast. Next meeting is December 4.

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study – "Children of the Day," a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Beth Moore), led by Emilie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:
Sun, Dec 6: Communion will be served at both services.

Sun, Dec 6, 5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting. Election of Elders & Deacons and 2016 Budget. Information on nominees and budget preview packets are in church mailboxes.

Sun, Dec 13: Annual Christmas Music Celebration at both services
- Celebration Choir Rehearsals: 6:30pm, Tues, Dec 1 & Dec 8; Pick up sheet music and practice CD's in the front of the sanctuary.
- Sun, Dec 13: Newcomer’s Lunch following the 2nd service. Are you new and have questions? Join Pastor Paul for a casual lunch and learn more about RRC. Please RSVP @ 866-2308.
- Thurs, Dec 24, 4:00pm & 6:00pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Magi Tree: Our Annual Magi Tree for children at North Kent Community Services is in the lobby. Information is in your church mailbox or pick up a card from under the tree for a list of items needed. Deadline is Sun, Dec 13.

Pastor Paul & Tammy are hosting "Living Room Chats" in their home on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm for dessert & coffee to get to know the people of the congregation. Sign-up is for groups up to 12 at a time. Middle School youth to adults are welcome (we love little kids, but child care will not be available). Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. You can also sign-up on-line at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:
Brian Ellis: brianmellis@outlook.com
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Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School
Sundays, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group in Youth Room #153
Wednesdays, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group in Youth Room #153
Upcoming Events: Winter Retreats: MS: Jan 22-24
HS: Feb 26-28

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:
Children's Ministries - Beth Jennings, Director: rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com
Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: connectionsmr@gmail.com
NOTE: NO Sunday School Classes TODAY, November 29!
Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School. Bring in socks for the Sock Pile until 12/13!
Wednesdays, 6:30pm: Pioneer Club with a Simple Supper at 6:00pm
Fri, Dec. 11: 5:30-8:00pm: Parent's Night Out
Wed, Dec 13: Pioneer Club Christmas Program. 6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm

Program

Attendance / Finance:
Last week's attendance: 276
Last week’s Ministry & Missions offering: $13,318.93
Last week’s FLC Debt Reduction offering: $600.00

Faith to Receive God’s Miracle
Series (1): The Christmas Miracle


Intro

God's Word

① Never underestimate __________________________ to work in __________________________ people.

Truth: God loves to work in________________________ people and __________________________ circumstances to do __________________________ things.

② Never underestimate __________________________ to work in __________________________ people.

Truth: God _________ us deeply so that he can _________ us greatly.

③ Never hesitate to say “______________ to the miracle God has for __________________________”.

Truth: God works ________ people so that he can work __________________________ people in order to __________________________ people.