

Our Response

Let us then approach the throne of grace with

_____, so that we may receive _____

and find _____ to help us in our time of _____.

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Don De Good is scheduled for surgery Jan 4 to upgrade his defibrillator.
- ~Rex Pomranka had been hospitalized for blood issues, but is now home.
- ~Ryan De Kuiper recovering after hip replacement surgery on Dec 14.
- ~Katie Schrottenboer recovering after jaw surgery on Dec 11.
- ~Samantha Schrottenboer recovering after jaw surgery on Dec 21.
- ~Tim Mulder – cancer is confined to his larynx. Will start radiation in January.
- ~Nancy Jansen continues healing after neck surgery.
- ~Dave Mundwiler is undergoing treatments.
- ~Shirley Barth is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~Bill Boyd continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Ray Dulyea continued prayer his kidney “numbers” will not change.
- ~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:

- ~Brian Carpenter (Tom & Miriam’s son) surgery was successful to relieve chronic arm pain. He is home recovering.
- ~Kayliah McClure (Carpenter’s granddaughter, born 11/26) heart surgery was successful, but dealing with other issues.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma’s mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~Russ VerMerris (Kevin’s dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~Dawson Babiak (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

Sympathy:

Expressed to **Ray & Sharon Dulyea & family** at the death of Sharon’s brother, **Larry Huizenga**, on Dec 24.
Expressed to **Marilyn Kleeves & family** at the death of her husband, **Burt Kleeves**, on Dec 29.

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.

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.

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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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, January 3, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

Carly Uthoff, Soloist

(Children are invited to Children’s Worship downstairs)

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Megan DeVries (Admin Bd Elder), Luke Morgan (Elder), Chad Kleis (Deacon)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:14-16 (p.912)

MESSAGE

“Prayer That Will Change Your World: Gaining an Audience with God”

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website
rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Kate Fleetham

(11:00am) Kori Yurick, Melissa Vander Tuuk, Sami De Kuiper

Today’s Children’s Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Beth Jennings

(11:00am) Rachel De Kuiper, Hope Vander Heide

Next Sunday:

“Prayer That Will Change Your World: True Prayer”

Psalms 145 (p.478) • Pastor Paul Bradford

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 on Jan 3.

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 Class: Starting Jan 10, "The Four Gospels," led by Bren Shantz. Meet in the Fireside Room #253.

Sun, Jan 3: Winter Festival between services. This will give you a chance to sign-up for new volunteer opportunities, Studies/Life Groups and more. A breakfast brunch will be served between services.

6:00pm: Concert of Prayer. Join us as we pray over the ministries of RRC. Child Care: Children's Worship (3-7 yrs old), and Nursery (2yrs & under)

6:30pm: High School Youth Group in Youth Room #153. **NO meeting Jan 3.**

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.

Wed, Jan 6, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies, and good conversation. Krista VandenHeuvel will give a talk on their recent mission trip to Africa.

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

- Starts Jan 6: A study on Hebrews, led by Pastor Paul, in the Fireside Room #253.
- Starts Jan 6: Women's Study Group - "Life Rules" by Andy Stanley, led by Polly Johnson in Room #250.

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 Jan 15.

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

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Discovery Life Group – Mondays, 6:30pm. This 10-week class starts on Jan 11 and is for those **interested in membership** or learning more about the church. The first 4 weeks are the Discovery class for membership and the remaining weeks will be normal Life Group meetings. Co-led by Pastor Paul and Eric & Julie Ringnalda. Call the church office (866-2308) if you are interested.

Sun, Jan 10: Blood Pressure Screening after both services in Rm#211.

Tues, Feb 2, 7:00pm: Ladies Game Night. Bring your favorite table game and an appetizer/dessert/snack to share. Invite a friend! Great fun and fellowship! Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Part-time Custodian: Flexible schedule (10-15 hrs/week). Submit letter of interest and resume to the attention of the Human Resources Committee and drop them off to the church office. Wage to be determined by experience. Deadline is Fri, Jan 8. *A BIG Thank You to Kevin VerMerris for his faithful years of service to RRC!*

On-line Giving now available. You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website www.RockfordReformedChurch.org



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brianmellis@outlook.com

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School. **NO classes Jan 3.**

Sundays, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group in Youth Room #153
NO HS Youth Group on Jan 3

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: connections.rrc@gmail.com

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School. **NO classes Jan 3.**

Wednesdays, 6:30pm: Pioneer Club with a **Simple Supper at 6:00pm**

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 225

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$16,576.44 Year-end: \$6,625.00

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,675.00 Year-end: \$4,800.00

Christmas Eve Offering for Birthday Blessings: \$1,545.00 Attendance: 348

Gaining an Audience with God

Series (1): Prayer That Will Change Your World

Text: Hebrews 4:14-16

Sunday: 1/3/2016

Intro

God's Word

① We are _____ to approach God's throne of grace with confidence!

We are afraid to approach God because of...

Ⓐ _____.

Ⓑ _____.

Ⓒ _____.

② We have confidence because Jesus, our High Priest, has _____ the way!

We can approach God with confidence because Jesus has provided...

Ⓐ _____.

Ⓑ _____.

Ⓒ _____.

③ We come with confidence to _____ mercy and grace to help us in our _____.