

Our Response

Pray _____, _____, and _____, according to God's _____, and never stop trusting in his _____, even when you don't understand his _____!

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Tim Mulder** – cancer is confined to his larynx. Has started radiation.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** is undergoing treatments.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues 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:

- ~**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.

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 (bulletin insert).

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, February 28, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

(Children (ages 3-7) are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-51 (p.774)

MESSAGE

"Practical Prayers"
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) Lisa Vergouwe, Sydney Kleis

(11:00am) Jaime Mueller, Stephanie Bergman, Megan Van Stensel

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Tatum Kleis

(11:00am) Kristen Van Stensel, Elise Van Stensel

Next Sunday: "Life Together: Community Glue"

Ephesians 4:1-6 (p.891) • Pastor Paul Bradford

Children Lead Worship

What's Going On?

Today:

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

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

6:30pm: High School Youth Group in Youth Room #153.

This Week:

Tuesdays, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Breakfast. Join us any time.

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: "Discover Your Gifts," led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

Wed, March 2, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies, and great conversation. Join us!

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

- A study on Hebrews, led by Pastor Paul, in the Fireside Room #253.
- 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 March 11.

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study – new book, "Unglued," starts April 15, led by Emilie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

Fri, March 4, 6:15pm: Adult Team Trivia Night.

Sat, March 5, 9am or 10am: Hearts for Orphans Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast for Shantz's Foster/Adoption. See info in your mailbox.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Sun, March 6: Children Lead Worship at both services.

Sun, March 6: Communion

Easter Baskets for NKCS: This is a service project sponsored by our Deacons. Pick up baskets, grass and "The Gospel Story" book. Take as many baskets as you think you would like to fill. Our goal is 250 baskets. *Deadline to return filled baskets is Sunday, March 13.*

Sun, March 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.

Sat, March 19, 9am-3pm: RRC Youth Ministry Garage Sale. Save your stuff! Drop off items March 14-18.

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



Hearts for Orphans Jewelry Fundraiser raised \$1000 for Bren & Audrey Shantz to help with their fostering/adoption.

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 in the back of the sanctuary or on-line at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/ Next date is March 20.

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brianmellis@outlook.com

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: April 1-2: MS & HS Profession of Faith Retreat

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.

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

Sat, March 26: Easter Egg Hunt. Needed: Small, individually wrapped candies. Place donations in the basket in the Lobby, next to the welcome table.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 288

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,556.66

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$665.00

Practical Prayer

Series (8): Prayer that will change your World

Text: Mark 10:46-51

Sunday: 2/28/2016

Intro

God's Word

① **Our requests must be _____.**

Ⓐ Praying specifically teaches me to know what I truly _____.

Ⓑ Praying specifically enables me to pray with _____.

Ⓒ Praying specifically helps me align my prayer _____.

② **We must truly _____ what we ask for.**

Ⓐ Sometimes the answer is a life changing _____, and we expect it to happen _____.

Ⓑ Sometimes God is _____.

Ⓒ God's ways are always _____ than our ways.