



Rockford Reformed Church

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New With Us?

First of all, welcome! Thank you for joining us this weekend! Here are few tips to help your morning go smoother.

- Please fill out a **connection card**. Put it into the offering plate when it comes by, or into one of the drop boxes by the sanctuary entrances.
- Please don't feel obligated to participate in the **offering**. The offering is for members and regular attenders who consider RRC their home.
- All baptized followers of Christ, including children, are invited to participate in **communion** (first Sunday of every month). RRC uses grape juice and gluten-free bread.
- A **prayer team** is available at the front of the sanctuary after each service to pray with those who want an extra time of prayer.
- If you have **children**, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:
 - **KidLife Worship** (3 years-3rd grade) - available during the worship service on the lower level. Check-in is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Children may start service there, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.
 - **KidLife Nursery** (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).
 - **Parent-Infant Room** - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.
 - **Children's bulletins** and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

What's Next?

If you want to become more connected to RRC, the next step is to simply show up. Regularly attending Sunday worship services is a great start. We also offer a variety of programs and activities throughout the week to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus and with others. You are welcome to check out our programs at any time. If you have any questions or need some suggestions, please contact the front office (616-866-2308, connect@rockfordrc.org).

If you are interested in membership, call the front office and we'll schedule you for our next Discovery Class.

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Order of Service

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude
Savior King

Advent Candle Lighting

Call to Worship
Joy to the World
*** Children are invited to KidLife downstairs*
Angels We Have Heard on High
We Have A Saviour

Offering
O Come All Ye Faithful

Prayer & Message
"Trading Reputation for Identity"
Matthew 1:18-25
Rev. Tim Meendering

Communion
Arms Open Wide

Closing Blessing

Next Week
"Kings in Conflict"
Matthew 2:1-18
Rev. Tim Meendering

welcome to Rockford Reformed Church!

In this program you will find today's order of worship, along with announcements, a calendar, prayer requests, and more. If this is your first time here, please stop by our welcome table in the lobby and pick up a gift bag! See the back page for visitor info.

notes



Families - be sure to pick up a copy of the Advent Packet **Preparing the Way**. It contains devotions, readings, coloring pages, activities, and more! You can find them in the lobby. One per family, please.

sermons available online at RockfordRC.org/sermons-2

What's Going On?

Sun	9:35am 10:00am 11:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Pre-Service Prayer in Room 212 to pray over the service. All welcome! Worship Service (sanctuary) • KidLife Worship (3 years – 3rd grade); check-in downstairs Room 100 Sunday School • Adults – <i>Digging Deeper</i> – Fireside Room 253, led by Brian Ellis • High School – Room 246, Middle School – Youth Room 153 • Children – Fellowship Hall check-in Annual Congregational Meeting & Debt Retirement Celebration High School Youth Group (Youth Room 153)
Tue	7:00am 9:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall 100) Women's Tuesday Bible Study (Room 212) • <i>Behold Your God: Studies on the Attributes of God</i>
Wed	12:00 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:45pm	Adult Fellowship Christmas Lunch (please RSVP to Wilma Rottman, 866-2389) Family Dinner (gym) KidLife Club (3 years - 5th grade) Middle School Youth Group (Youth Room 153) Adult Bible Studies • <i>Grace/Truth 2.0</i> , led by Tim Meendering (Fireside Room 253) • <i>Before Amen</i> , women's study led by Polly Johnson (Room 250)
Fri	5:30pm	Parents' Night Out (drop off in gym)
Sat	1:00pm	Adult Single Women's Lunch (Lunch at Timbers Inn, then to Mary's for dessert; RSVP with Carol Knox, 866-4845.)



Annual Congregational Meeting & Debt Retirement Celebration

TODAY, 5pm in the gym.

This year's Congregational Meeting will include a potluck dinner as we celebrate being debt-free! We will meet in the gym (not the sanctuary) at 5pm. Nursery will be provided for the meeting portion of the evening.

- On the agenda:
- Vote of affirmation for elder candidates Scott Jacobs & Doug Peterman
 - Vote of affirmation for deacon candidates Darryl DeGood & Shaun VanderTuuk
 - Vote of affirmation for Pastor Tim serving as our next pastor
 - 2019 Budget

Potluck: Main course (hame) will be provided. Care Groups: 1/2 salads; 3/4 sides; 5/6 desserts.

For a full listing of all of our events, announcements, volunteer needs, and more, be sure to sign up for the eBeacon, emailed every Friday. Contact the church office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list. Paper copies are available for those without email.

Announcements

Tree of Hope: Items due Dec. 9. To participate, take a tag from the tree in our lobby, purchase the item, and bring it back (unwrapped) by Dec 9. Our goal this year is 100 tags!

Hymn Sing: Sunday, Dec. 9, 4pm in the Sanctuary. This event is for anyone who loves to sing praises to God!

Rockford Christmas Celebration: Friday, Dec. 14, 7-9pm. Join local residents and guests in celebrating our Savior's birth at the "Rockford Christmas Celebration & Live Nativity" to be held in downtown Rockford at Speed Merchants Bicycle Shop.

Christmas Eve Service: Monday, Dec. 24, 5pm. Join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm in the Sanctuary. Childcare available for kids kindergarten and under (in the nursery). Our special offering this year will go to the RRC Benevolence Fund.

Parents' Night Out: Friday, December 7, 5:30-8pm. Drop off your kids (ages infant through 5th grade) in the gym and enjoy a few hours of freedom! Our youth group will be providing care (overseen by Beth and Brian). Dinner and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Beth Jennings. Donations will be accepted to go towards the youth accounts.

Save the Date: Our annual Youth Garage Sale is set for Saturday, March 16 from 9am-2pm. Start saving your stuff to donate towards one of our biggest fundraisers of the year!

High School All-Nighter @ 3 Mile Project: Dec. 14-15. Cost is \$20, due Dec. 13.

Prayer

Recovery & Intercession

- **Jean Boyd** - pray as she continues through chemotherapy treatments.
- **Bill Boyd** - continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially **Jorvens**.
- Be in prayer for all military personnel, people searching for jobs, and disaster victims.

Extended Family

- **Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) - continues cancer treatments, some improvement.
- **Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) - cancer has spread throughout her body.

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Middle School Retreat: January 18-20, 2019. The Middle Schoolers will be at Center Lake Bible Camp for this year's winter retreat. Signup deadline is January 6. Cost is \$50.

High School Retreat: Feb. 8-10, 2019. Cost is \$50.

REAL Men: Next meeting is Friday, December 14 at 7am in the Fireside Room.

Ladies Book Club: No meeting in December. Next meeting is Thursday, January 31 at 7pm in the Fireside Room. The book is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.



Attendance & Giving

You can give directly from your phone or computer. Look for the link on the front page of our website. Contact the office if you would like offering envelopes.

Last week's attendance: 229

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,250.50