

- b. Ask not – service focus
- c. Releasing, letting go, moving on with God

### Life Application Questions

- ❖ *What are some of the distractions you witness in the world?*
- ❖ *How do you cling to Christ?*
- ❖ *What are your personal disciplines?*
- ❖ *How can you help others cling to Christ?*

Sermon audio and notes are available online at  
[www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Ken Westrate** is home after being hospitalized and emergency surgery.
- ~**Scott Weir** is back to work and continues healing.
- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**Sharon Dulyea** for continued healing/pain management.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – Next MRI on Nov 18. Prayer the tumor is stable/shrunk.
- ~**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: **Emily Bowers, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

### Extended Family:

- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk’s son-in-law) diagnosed with Burkitts Lymphoma. Has started very aggressive chemo.
- ~**Sarah Degen** (Yurick’s daughter) has finished radiation.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman’s) 6<sup>th</sup> battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**Barry Lambers** (Kathy’s husband) suffered spinal injury, paralyzed waist down.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma’s mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Jan Lapp** (Tyler’s mom) has finished treatments, no significant improvement.

### Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Aaron & Renee Harvey** on the birth of their son, **Jonah Aaron**, on Jan 6. Grandparents are **Lee & Faith Paull**.

## 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](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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**Sunday, November 13, 2016**  
**Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**

*Prodigal*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Manifesto, The Solid Rock, From The Inside Out*

Children (ages 3 years - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

#### OFFERING

#### MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

#### PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-12 (p.818)

#### MESSAGE

“The Five Solas: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord”  
 Pastor Tony Campbell

#### RESPONSE

*How Great Thou Art*

#### CLOSING BLESSING

#### Today’s Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Karen Bazen, Madelyn McConnon (11:00am) Pam & Kathryn Jacobs, Melissa Fisk

#### Today’s KidLife Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Abby Vande Heuvel (11:00am) Rachel & Sami De Kuiper, Karissa Ellis

**Next Sunday:** “The Five Solas: Transformed By Thankfulness”  
 1Thess 5:16-18 (p.901); Psalm 100 (p.456) • Pastor Paul Bradford



## What's Going On?

### Today:

**8:20am: Prayer** in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

**10:00am: Sunday School** for all ages:

- **Ages 3 – DK** meet in Classroom #111
- **Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grade** meet in Classroom #101
- **Middle School** (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153
- **High School** (grades 9-12) Classroom #246
- **Adults:** "Staying In Love," led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in the Fireside Room #253. This new study starts TODAY, Nov 13.

**Sun, Nov 13: Blood Pressure Screening** after both services (Rm #211)

**Sun, Nov 13, 3:30pm: Family Movie Event.** *Owlegories – The Sun, The Seed, The Water.* Popcorn provided.

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

### This Week:

**Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting** in the sanctuary

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

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study** – "Discover Isaiah," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212.

### Wednesday Night Activities:

6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **KidLife Club** (ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:30pm **Middle School Youth Group**

6:45pm **Adult Classes**

- "Christianity, Cults, & World Religions" – Co-ed class led by Pastor Paul. Fireside Rm #253
- "Discovering God's Will" by Andy Stanley – Women's study led by Polly Johnson. Rm #250

**Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club.** Fireside Rm #253.

November Book: *South of Superior* by Ellen Airgood. Next meeting is Dec 1.

**Every other Saturday, 7:30-8:30am: Men's Study Breakfast.** "A Man and His Traps." Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Next meeting – Dec 3.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.**

**Communion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:** Pick up a box in the lobby and a flyer/envelope with information on how to pack your box. Last Day to return boxes is WEDNESDAY, Nov 16.

### Annual Food Drive for North Kent Community Services:

Pick up a grocery bag **TODAY** to fill with food item donations and return your bag(s) by Sunday, Nov 20. (A list of suggested items is on the bag) *Regular food items can be dropped off in the Lobby during the week.*

**BRING A FROZEN TURKEY TO CHURCH** next Sunday, Nov 20. Our goal this year is 150 turkeys!! We don't have room to store turkeys at church so please bring them with you next Sunday. We will have people in the parking lot ready to take your donated food and turkeys directly to North Kent.

**On-line Giving:** 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](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brian@rockfordrc.org](mailto:brian@rockfordrc.org)

**Sunday School** at 10:00am: **MS** (Youth Room #153), **HS** (Rm #246)

**The Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction last week raised over \$1,600.00** for Middle School Youth Events and Mission Trips. Thank you to everyone who donated and attended.

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: [beth@rockfordrc.org](mailto:beth@rockfordrc.org)

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Director: [laura@rockfordrc.org](mailto:laura@rockfordrc.org)

KidLife Sunday School for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 10:00am

KidLife Club (formerly Pioneer Clubs)

Wednesdays: 6:00pm Simple Supper, 6:30pm Club

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 323

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$10,034.44

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$430.00

## Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord

*3<sup>rd</sup> in Series: The Five Solas*

Text: John 9:1-12

Sunday: 11/13/2016

### Intro

### God's Word

#### ① The Glory of God that redeems us

- a. Man born blind
- b. Gettysburg
- c. Suffering – Righteousness – Redemption

#### ② Distractions

- a. False Idols
- b. New cars – new toys
- c. Elections
- d. Darkness

#### ③ Clinging to Christ

- a. Worship focus