



Sunday, December 17, 2017
Worship @ 9:30am & 11:00am



Come and Stand Amazed You People
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Joy)

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Joy to the World, What Child Is This

Children (ages 3 years – 5th grade) are invited to KidLife downstairs

OFFERING

Go Tell It On The Mountain, Doxology

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Job 9:2-5; 15-20; 32-35 (p.382)

MESSAGE

“If Only There Were Someone”
Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.

RESPONSE

O Come O Come Emmanuel

CLOSING BLESSING

(Prayer Team available in the front of the Sanctuary after the service)

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Karen Bazen (11:00am) Rachel DeKuiper, Jacob Hallenbeck



Next Sunday: Jason Vermeulen
(One Morning Service at 9:30am)
(Candlelight Service at 6:00pm)

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. A Prayer Team is also available in the front of the sanctuary to pray with people after the service.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the back of church after service! Visitors may pick up a complementary Welcome Bag in the lower lobby. If you have any questions, this is the place to find answers!

Children 5th Grade & Under: Your children are welcome to remain with you throughout the service or may attend KidLife (available both services)! The KidLife Check-in Station is in the Fellowship Hall Room 100. ALL children attending KidLife should be checked in before the service even if they will be going down to KidLife after the first part of 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'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 Bag 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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Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Nick Malone recovering after outpatient surgery Dec 8.
- ~Dave Diephouse recovering after hip replacement surgery Dec 14.
- ~Doris De Good doing physical rehab at home.
- ~Sarah Proppe – pray for nerve regeneration/healing.
- ~Carol Riegling – continued prayers appreciated.
- ~Ray Dulyea has started dialysis.
- ~Dave Mundwiler – MRI showed tumor is stable. Continues treatments.
- ~Bill Boyd continues dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.
- ~Be in prayer for Austin McConnon (Nat'l Guard) and all military personnel, disaster victims, and people searching for jobs.

Extended Family:

- ~Rog Sikkema (Pomranka's brother-in-law) in rehab and doing well.
- ~Chloe Honeysette (cousin of McConnors) – diagnosed with cancer.
- ~Joe Pilko (Eric Pilko's dad) – recovering from surgery to remove a malignant brain tumor, determining next steps for treatment.
- ~Judy Handanch (Terri Katsma's sister) home & in rehab for speech/memory.
- ~Carrol Orton (Sharon Dulyea's sister) radiation done and will schedule re-constructive surgery.
- ~Helen Heemstra (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to Jason & Allyson Bradley at the adoption of Isai & Analiyah. Proud grandparents are Doug & Lyn Peterman.

