

# 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, dance, 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. If you don't have a Bible, ask for one at the information desk, and it's yours to keep!

**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. On the last Sunday of each month, elders will be available to meet confidentially after services with anyone desiring spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational healing.

**Refreshments:** Join us for coffee in the back of the sanctuary after service! Visitors may pick up a complimentary 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 cry 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 5 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. If they fill out a sermon notes card, they can turn it in at the information desk for a special treat!

**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 at the information desk or visit our website: [rockfordreformedchurch.org](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org).

# Prayer Fellowship

## Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Ben Gandy** is recovering after back surgery on Nov 26.
- ~**Lee Harvey** is in rehab at Porter Hills dealing with infections & other issues.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** – continued prayer that his kidney test “numbers” will not change.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~Be in prayer for **disaster victims**, and **people searching for jobs**.
- ~Pray for our military: **Michael Best, Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

## Extended Family:

- ~**Elsa Scholten** (Nancy Tigchon's mom) hospitalized with infection and torn hamstring.
- ~**Judy Shanken** (Shanken's sister-in-law) dealing with blood clot in lung & other complications.
- ~**Israel Madema** (Arlene Hunsberger's grandson) under Hospice care for terminal brain cancer.
- ~**Marla Gregory** (friend of McConnons) diagnosed with cancer.
- ~**Marilyn Grindol** (Nancy Jansen's sister) recovering after surgery for pancreatic cancer on Oct. 21. Chemo starts soon.
- ~**Patty Sprich** (friend of Pam Jacob's) diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. Will start aggressive chemo soon.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

## Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Aaron & Renee Harvey** at the birth of their daughter, **Amelia Faith**, on Nov 28. Proud grandparents are **Lee & Faith Paull**.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 309  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$11,794.80  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$455.00



Rockford Reformed Church  
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Sunday, December 8, 2013 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

## “An Advent Sermon”

• Pastor Bryan Boersma •

Welcome & Announcements

Music

8:45am: #808 *Eternal Father Strong to Save*, #255 *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*, #244 *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, #270 *Joy to the World!*

11:00am: *He Reigns*, #255 *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*, *Behold the Lamb of God*, #270 *Joy to the World!*

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Deb Mc Connon, Olivia Pastula

11:00am: Emily DeWitte, Melissa VanderTuuk

Offering

Prayer

Scripture

Message

Music

8:45am: #196 *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

11:00am: *Sing to the King*

Benediction

Postlude:

Nursery - 8:45am: Julie Ringnalda, Madelyn Mc Connon

11:00am: Trisha Van Stensel, Kori Yurick

**Next Sunday:**

Christmas Music Celebration



**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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