

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. 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 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 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.

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Tom Smith hospitalized with breathing difficulties.
- ~Gary Gingrich had surgery to remove small mass from right kidney.
- ~Marcia Shanken continues recovery after unexpected surgery.
- ~Lee Harvey is in the rehab facility at Porter Hills under Hospice care.
- ~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: **Phil Scholten, Nick Welch** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~Judy Shanken (Howard's sister-in-law) major stroke and brain bleed. Making life decisions.
- ~Thomas Jonker (Dianne Bennett's brother) scheduled for quadruple heart bypass surgery on May 2.
- ~Mary Bennett (Dianne's step-daughter) liver failure, under Hospice care.
- ~Sandy Oostdyk (daughter-in-law of Boyd's) diagnosed with breast cancer and is consulting with doctors.
- ~Mindy Kalee (Casey & Sue's daughter) had cervical biopsy on April 24. Waiting for results.
- ~Brad Knitter (Kleis' brother-in-law) surgery was successful. Consulting with doctors about future treatment.
- ~Maddie Tomasko (friend of Lilly Johnson) scheduled for a bone marrow transplant on May 8.
- ~Shirley Jonker (Dianne Bennett's mother) is under Hospice care.
- ~Ron Vander Putte (Broome's nephew) undergoing chemo.
- ~Joan Lawton (Diephouse's daughter) back to work part-time.
- ~Doug Elzerman (Jane's brother) under Hospice care.
- ~Marcia Pollie (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 474
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$20,414.24
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,981.00



Rockford Reformed Church
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, April 27, 2014 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

“No Experience Required”

Selected verses from Judges 6 • Pastor Marla Rottman

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Music: #370 Rejoice the Lord is King (8:45), He Reigns (11:00),

There is a Higher Throne

Profession of Faith: Anya Fanberg, Shannon Fanberg, Ryan Fleetham, Travis Katsma, Madelyn Mc Connon, Allyson Orvis, Evan Orvis, Alison Schrotenboer, Case Vander Heide

Music: *All I Have Is Christ*

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Krista Vanden Heuvel, Olivia Pastula 11:00am: Brenda & Morgan Bouwkamp

Introduction of Pastor Search Team: Kevin Johnson (Chair),

Stephanie Bergman, Diane Brownell, Ryan DeVries, Phil Knapp, Ruth Majerle, Steve Steenwyk, Beth Triezenberg, Brenda Vander Heide

Prayer (*Suzanne Bredow, Shepherd Elder*)

Scripture

Message

Music: #597 *Take My Life and Let It Be* (8:45), *Build Your Kingdom Here* (11:00)

Benediction

Postlude

Nursery - 8:45am: Lisa Vergouwe, Sarah Pastula 11:00am: Jen Klaasen, Becki Pilko

Next Sunday:

“Christian Light Company”

Matthew 5:14-16 • Pastor Rick Tigchon

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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