

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. Also, there is an opportunity at 8:30am (before the first service) to meet to pray for the morning services in classroom #1.

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:

- ~**Russ Armstrong** is recovering after hip replacement surgery on Aug 20.
- ~**Tom Smith** is recovering after heart surgery on Aug 18. He is in New Jersey with his brother. 58 Payne Ave, Midland Park NJ 07432
- ~**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:

- ~**Tim Veenstra** (cousin of Deb Coon) diagnosed with stage 4 inoperable pancreatic cancer.
- ~**Ernie Walton** (Sally Bower's dad) is under Hospice Care (stage 4 kidney disease)
- ~**Sandy Oostdyk** (daughter-in-law of Boyd's) is undergoing radiation treatments.
- ~**Brad Knitter** (Kleis' brother-in-law) is undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- ~**Maddie Tomasko** (friend of Lilly Johnson) still dealing with side effects.
- ~**Shirley Jonker** (Dianne Bennett's mother) is under Hospice care.
- ~**Ron Vander Putte** (Broome's nephew) undergoing chemo.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is expressed to **Roger & Collette Hoogewind and family** at the death of Collette's brother, David Baribeau, on September 1.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 154
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$8,058.11
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$865.00



Rockford Reformed Church
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, September 7, 2014 • Worship @ 8:45am & 10:30am



Welcome & Announcements

Preparation: #43 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, This is Amazing Grace*
(NO Children's Worship Today)

Scripture: I Peter 3:8-9 (p.923), 13-16 (p.924)

Message: "Always Be Ready..."

Testimony: Pam Jacobs

Video: "Christian: It's Not What You Think"

Prayer (Jim Scholten, Shepherd Elder)

Response: #147 *How Great Thou Art, Burn Like a Star*

Testimony: Rachel De Kuiper & Emily De Witte

Offering: Liturgical Dance Team

Testimony: Darryl De Good

Vacation Bible School Video

Puppet Ministry Team: "Y Not 2 Day"

Sending: *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Benediction

Postlude: *Happy Day*

Nursery - 8:45am: Julie Ringnalda

10:30am: Kori Yurick

Next Sunday:

"Healthy Churches Focus on Their Strengths"

Romans 12:1-8; Ephesians 4:11-13 • Pastor David Dethmers

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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