

# 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](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org).

# Prayer Fellowship

## Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Ken Westrate** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Sept 25.
- ~**Russ Armstrong** is recovering after hip replacement surgery on Aug 20.
- ~**Tom Smith** has been hospitalized in the ICU on a respirator with congestive heart failure and a serious infection. Hope to take him off the respirator yet this week.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** – continued prayer that his kidney test “numbers” will not change.
- ~**Bill Boyd** was hospitalized on Tuesday with A-fib. He may be home now.
- ~**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)
- ~**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.

## Praise & Thanksgiving:

Congratulations to **Michael & Katie (Purvis) Bertsch** who were united in marriage on September 13.

## Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 320  
Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,797.80  
Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,071.00



**Rockford Reformed Church**  
connecting • growing • serving

**Sunday, September 21, 2014 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am**  
**“Healthy Churches Reflect an Attitude of Gratitude”**

Matthew 6:19-21 (p.741); II Corinthians 9:1-7 (p.883) • Pastor David Dethmers

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation

8:45am: #361 *Worship Christ the Risen King,*

#21 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, #705 It is Well with My Soul*

11:00am: *The Earth is Yours, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing,*

*Sovereign Over Us*

(Children dismissed for Children's Worship)

Children's Worship - 8:45am: Lora Jenema, Ethan Shantz 11:00am: Nancy Steenwyk, Olivia Pastula

Offering

Prayer (*Scott Brownell, V.P. of Consistory/Elder*)

Scripture

Message

Response 8:45am: #597 *Take My Life & Let it Be Consecrated,*

#513 *Thank You Lord, #815 Doxology*

11:00am: #597 *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated,*

*My Friends May You Grow*

Benediction

Postlude

Nursery - 8:45am: Lisa Vergouwe, Kate Fleetham 11:00am: Cherri Pastula, Jaime Mueller, Sarah Pastula

**Next Sunday:**

**“Confession – Good for the Soul”**

Psalm 51 • Rev. Mark Poppen

**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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### Want more info?

Just stop by our information desk at the back of the sanctuary or go online:

[rockfordreformedchurch.org](http://rockfordreformedchurch.org)

## Announcements

### Today:

**8:30am: Prayer Meeting** in Rm #1. All welcome!

**9:50am: Sunday School Classes for Kids/Youth**

- Ages 3, 4, & DK meet in Classroom #9
- Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> meet in the "Acts of Faith" Room
- Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room
- Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #25

**10:00am: Kids Hope "Meet & Mingle"** (15 minutes) in Rm#1

**10:00am: Adult Sunday School Classes**

- A Bible Study of Colossians & Philemon, w/Karen & Fred Bazen, Rm#22
- Christian: It's Not What You Think!, w/Polly Johnson, Fireside Rm.

**6:30pm: Senior High Youth Group** (grades 9-12) Youth Room

### This Week:

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

**Tues, 9:30am: Ladies Bible Study** - "Worship: Discovering What Scripture Says," led by Jean Boyd & Marcia Coleman. Rm#1

**Wed, Pioneer Clubs:** 6:00pm **Simple Supper**, 6:30pm **Clubs**

**Wed, 6:30pm: Middle School Youth Group** (grades 6-8) Youth Room

**Wed, 6:45pm:** (Adults) A Study on Galatians (John MacArthur), w/Lin Ploeg (Fireside Rm#20) *Class will start, Sept. 24!*

**Sat, Sept 27, 7:00am: Men/Boys "Saturday Series"** in the FLC.

**Sat, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group.** Lunch at Meijer Gardens and then a trolley tour of the gardens. RSVP w/Carol @ 866-4845.

### Announcements & Upcoming Events:

**Pastor David will be in the office Monday & Tuesday this week.** You can always contact him at 231-408-7506 or [DGDethmers@centurylink.net](mailto:DGDethmers@centurylink.net)

**Sun, Sept 28, 5:00pm: Hymn Sing** in the Sanctuary

**Thurs, Oct 2, 7:00pm: Bridal Blessing Shower for Kim Coon**

**Starting Friday, Oct 3, 9:30am: Women's Bible Study** – "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit" (child care available).

**North Kent Community Services Food Drive:** Bags will be handed out Sun, Sept 28. Bring filled bags back on Sun, Oct 5 & 12.

**Wed, Oct 1, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Potluck.** Bring a dish to pass. Program after lunch – "Magic Bob & Suzie" (A free-will offering for will be taken for mission work in the Dominican Republic)

**Sat, Oct 4, 8am-Noon: Church Work Day**

**Sun, Oct 5: Special Offering for the RCA's "Peace Project"**

**Sun, Oct 5: World Communion Sunday**

## Connections Card

If you wish to use this card, tear it off at the fold and place it in the offering plate, or take it to the information desk.

- I would like to know more about becoming a follower of Christ
- I'm a visitor and would like more information about RRC
- I would like offering envelopes
- Prayer request (please keep confidential)
- Prayer request (may be shared)
- I'm interested in membership
- Suggestion, question, or concern
- Update my contact info (see below)
- Subscribe to e-news (email address required)

I want to sign up or volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

You may submit this anonymously, but if you would like a response or are signing up for something, please give us your contact info:

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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