

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.

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:

- ~**Deb Coon** for continued healing after surgery to repair a torn retina.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but 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.
Nick Welch has been deployed to Iraq.

Extended Family:

- ~**Anna Steenwyk** (Steve's mom) severe pneumonia. Now under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Chavis** (Barb VanderKuy's brother) has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
Will start chemo soon.
- ~**Stu Quackenbush** (Youth Pastor friend of Jacobs family) suffering from debilitating facial nerve pain.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Joan Rexer** (Brenda VanderHeide's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Greg Hewitt** (friend of Van Houtens) bone marrow transplant was successful.
Recovery will be slow.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) continues chemo treatments.

Attendance / Finance:

- Last week's attendance: 268
- Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,751.05
- Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$360.00
- Youth Fundraiser Dinner: Raised almost \$1000.00 *Thank You!*



Rockford Reformed Church
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, May 3, 2015 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

“Counting the Cost”

Luke 14:25-35 (p.798) • Dr. Paul Bradford

Prelude • Welcome & Announcements

SONGS OF PREPARATION

#147 *How Great Thou Art* (8:45), *Our God* (11:00)

Revelation Song

This is Amazing Grace

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

OFFERING

Alabaster

PRAYER

Dr. Paul Bradford

SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Paid It All

Benediction • Postlude

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe, Abby Vanden Heuvel
(11:00am) Melissa Vander Tuuk, Pam & Kathryn Jacobs

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Krista & Cora Vanden Heuvel
(11:00am) Jen Klaasen, Anna Triezenberg

Next Sunday: “Jesus' Respect for Women”

John 8:1-11 (p.817); Luke 11:28 (p.794) • Rev. Ralph Robrahn

What's Going On?

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: **May 3, 10 & 17**
 Grades K-5th meet in the "Acts of Faith" Room: **May 3, 10 & 17**
 Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room: **May 3 & 17 (not May 10)**
 Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #25 : May 3 & 17 (not May 10)
- 10:00am: **Adult Classes**
 - "Spiritual Formation Workshop: Knowing & Showing Christ" led by Pam Jacobs, Fireside Rm #20 (last class is May 17) (not May 3 & 10)
- 10:00am: **Meet Dr. Bradford and his wife, Tammy** in the sanctuary between services today!
- 12:15pm: All-church **Buffet Lunch with Dr. Bradford and Tammy** in the FLC
- 6:30pm: **Senior High Youth Group** (grades 9-12) Meet in the Youth Room
Last HS Meeting until Fall!

This Week:

- Tues, 7:00am: **Men's Prayer Breakfast.** Join us any time.
- Wed, 11:00am: **Adult Fellowship Breakfast Buffet** (food served 11am-11:30am), then stay and enjoy great fellowship!
- Thurs: **National Day of Prayer.** The sanctuary will be open 8am-4:30pm and prayer garden will be available for anyone interested in coming to church to pray. (No formal programming)
- Fri, 9:30am: **Ladies Bible Study** in the Fireside Room Led by Audrey Shantz & Emillie Clayton. (Child care provided)
- Sat, 8:30am-3:00pm: **CPR/AED and First Aid Class** at RRC in the Old Fellowship Hall.
- (1st & 3rd) Sat, 7:00am: **Men/Boys "Saturday Series"** in the FLC.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

- River Bank Run**, Sat, May 9: Sponsor the RRC Team and raise funds for the Morgan's adoption. Contact Rebecca Cruttenden: rebecca@teamorphans.com
- Sun, May 10: Blood Pressure Screening** after both morning services in Rm#4.
- Summer Worship Schedule: June 14 – Sept 6, one service @ 9:30am**

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Jessica Matthews: jessica.matthews6212@gmail.com Rob Matthews: rjmatthews08@gmail.com

- Sat, May 16: Painting Party.** Help finish painting the Youth Room!
- May 31: Grad Sunday.** Get High School & College graduate information for the Graduation Book to Laura Jolliffe by Sunday, May 17.
- June 22-27: HS Summer Trip** to North Carolina. Cost is now \$400 (due TODAY!, May 3)
- July 8-12: MS Summer Trip** to North Manitou Island.

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com
Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: connections.rrc@gmail.com

- Volunteers Needed:** Contact Beth Jennings
 - Sun, May 10 – Adults & Helpers for Nursery & Children's Worship
 - VBS – Everything!

Sunday, July 26-Wed, July 29: Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars!

How can I help? What can I do?

We are always looking for volunteers for:

- *Help in the Nursery, children's Sunday School, Children's Worship (Beth Jennings)
- *Pioneer Clubs help (Laura Jolliffe)
- *Kids Hope USA Mentors (Audrey Shantz)
- *Musicians for the Worship Team (Bren Shantz)
- *Provide cookies for after service (sign up at the Info Desk)

Connections Card

To use this card, tear off at the fold and place it in the offering plate.

- I would like to know more about becoming a follower of Christ
- I would like more information about RRC / Interested in membership
- Prayer request - check if confidential
- Suggestion, question, or concern (use notes section below)
- Update my contact info (see below)
- Subscribe to e-news (email address required)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Tear Here)

Notes

Intro _____

God's Word _____

Our Response _____

Continually look to Jesus as both _____ and

_____!