

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:

- ~**Gail Wagner** is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on her right hip on May 21 at Metro Hospital.
- ~**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) Now under Hospice Care.
- ~**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) Pray for continued improvement.
- ~**Marcia Pollie** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) has finished chemo. Prayer for continued remission.
- ~**Brad Knitter** (Kleis' brother-in-law) Hospice has been called in to help, as no treatment options are available.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is extended to **Denny & Barb Vander Kuyl** at the death of Barb's brother, **Bill Chavis**, on May 12.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 241

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,339.10

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,148.00

Adoption Garage Sale Fundraiser: Raised \$3,735.11 *Thank You!*

River Bank Run Adoption Fundraiser: Raised \$1,080.00 *Thank You!*



Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, May 17, 2015 • Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

“Does Easter Really Matter If We Forget Christ's Ascension and Do Not Celebrate Pentecost?”

John 14:1-21, 25-27 (p.823) • Rev. Ralph Robrahn

Prelude • Welcome & Announcements

SONGS OF PREPARATION

More Than Conquerors

Psalms 62

There is a Higher Throne

Praise God On High

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

OFFERING

Blessing of Offering: #591 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

PRAYER

Megan DeVries, Shepherd Elder

SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Holy Spirit

Benediction • Postlude

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lora Jenema

(11:00am) Kori Yurick, Megan Van Stensel

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Beth Jennings, Dylan McConnon

(11:00am) Emily De Witte, Elise Van Stensel

Next Sunday: “Making Memories”
Matthew 26:1-13 (p.760) • Rev. Art Wiers

