

Our Response

Expect and welcome God's _____,
gracious work _____ and _____ ordinary,
imperfect _____.

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Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Steve Steenwyk** had additional surgery for an abscess on Friday.
- ~**Arlene Hunsberger** is home after outpatient eye surgery on Nov 24.
- ~**The Vanden Heuvel Family** are on a mission trip to Kenya, Africa and return Dec 5.
- ~**Mark Schrottenboer** is dealing with a torn meniscus.
- ~**Nancy Jansen** continues healing after neck surgery.
- ~**Dennis Vander Kyle** undergoing physical therapy after shoulder surgery.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** - tumor has grown and has started new treatments.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues home dialysis and awaits a transplant.
- ~**Ray Dulyea** continued prayer his kidney "numbers" will not change.
- ~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:

- ~**Brian Carpenter** (Tom & Miriam's son) surgery was successful to relieve chronic arm pain. He is home recovering.
- ~**Kelly McClure** (Carpenter's daughter) baby was due Nov 24 and baby will need open heart surgery after birth for a heart defect.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.
- ~**Russ VerMerris** (Kevin's dad) continues chemo treatments.
- ~**Dawson Babiak** (nephew of VandenHeuvels) in maintenance phase of chemo.

Sympathy:

Sympathy is express to **Randy & Mary VanLiere** at the death of Randy's mom, **Marilyne VanLiere**, on Nov 24.

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.

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.

Refreshments: Join us for coffee in the lobby 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 parent-infant 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 112 on the lower level. Children 8 and older are encouraged to remain in the service with their parents. Children's bulletins are available.

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 in the lobby 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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Rockford Reformed Church
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Sunday, November 29, 2015

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Madelyn Mc Connon

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

PRAYER

Karen Bazen

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:28-55 (p.781)

MESSAGE

"The Christmas Miracle: Faith to Receive God's Miracle"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website

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Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Cherri Pastula, Lilly Johnson

(11:00am) Pam & Kathryn Jacobs, Tamra Miller

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Julie Ringnalda, Olivia Pastula

(11:00am) Beth Jennings, Avery Jennings

Next Sunday: "The Christmas Miracle: The Way Miracles Happen"
Matthew 1:18-25 (p.767); Luke 1:26-38 (p. 781) • Pastor Paul Bradford



What's Going On?

Today:

8:20am & 10:40am: Prayer in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

NOTE: NO Sunday School Classes TODAY, November 29!

10:00am: Sunday School for all ages.

Ages 3, 4, & DK meet in Classroom #122

Grades K-5th meet in Classroom #101

Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

Senior High (grades 9-12) Classroom #246

Adult Class: "Follow," a video series by Andy Stanley, led by Kevin & Polly Johnson in the Fireside Room #253.

6:30pm: High School Youth Group in YR #153 – **NO meeting this week**

This Week:

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

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am: A study on "Romans," led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

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

6:30pm: Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) Youth Room #153

6:45pm: Adult Classes

- "The Ministry of Loving, Listening and Praying," led by Pastor Paul, Bren Shantz and Rob Bergman, in the Fireside Room #253.
- Women's Study Group - "Let. It. Go." By Karen Ehman, led by Polly Johnson in Room #250.

Wed, Dec 2, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Christmas Luncheon.

Catered meal so RSVP w/Wilma Rottman @ 866-2389. (Donation to cover cost) Program to follow lunch.

Thurs, Dec 3, 7:30pm: Men's Tailgate Cookout. Watch the Game (Packers @ Lions) on the big screen. Food & beverage provided. Invite your friends!

Every other Friday, 6:30-7:30am: Men's Breakfast & Study – "33," a look at the 33 years of Jesus' life on earth. Meet in the gym for a "real" breakfast. Next meeting is December 4.

Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study – "Children of the Day," a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Beth Moore), led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Sun, Dec. 6: Communion will be served at both services.

Sun, Dec 6, 5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting. Election of Elders & Deacons and 2016 Budget. Information on nominees and budget preview packets are in church mailboxes.

Sun, Dec 13: Annual Christmas Music Celebration at both services
Celebration Choir Rehearsals: 6:30pm, Tues, Dec 1 & Dec 8

Pick up sheet music and practice CD's in the front of the sanctuary.

Sun, Dec 13: Newcomer's Lunch following the 2nd service. Are you new and have questions? Join Pastor Paul for a casual lunch and learn more about RRC. Please RSVP @ 866-2308.

Thurs, Dec 24, 4:00pm & 6:00pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Magi Tree: Our Annual Magi Tree for children of clients at North Kent Community Services is in the lobby. Information is in your church mailbox or pick up a card from under the tree for a list of items needed. Deadline is Sun, Dec 13.

Pastor Paul & Tammy are hosting "Living Room Chats" in their home on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm for dessert & coffee to get to know the people of the congregation. Sign-up is for groups up to 12 at a time. Middle School youth to adults are welcome (we love little kids, but child care will not be available). Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. You can also sign-up on-line at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brianmellis@outlook.com

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Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School

Sundays, 6:30pm: HS Youth Group in Youth Room #153

Wednesdays, 6:30pm: MS Youth Group in Youth Room #153

Upcoming Events: Winter Retreats: MS: Jan 22-24

HS: Feb 26-28

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries – Beth Jennings, Director: rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: connections.rrc@gmail.com

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Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School. Bring in socks for the Sock Pile until 12/13!

Wednesdays, 6:30pm: Pioneer Club with a **Simple Supper at 6:00pm**

Fri, Dec. 11: 5:30-8:00pm: Parent's Night Out

Wed, Dec 13: Pioneer Club Christmas Program. 6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Program

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 276

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$13,318.93

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$600.00

Faith to Receive God's Miracle

Series (1): The Christmas Miracle

Text: Luke 1:26-52

1st Sunday in Advent: 2015-11-29

Intro

God's Word

① Never underestimate _____ to work in _____ people.

Truth: God loves to work in _____ people and _____ circumstances to do _____ things.

② Never underestimate _____ to work in _____ people.

Truth: God _____ us deeply so that he can _____ us greatly.

③ Never hesitate to say _____ to the miracle God has for _____.

Truth: God works _____ people so that he can work _____ people in order to _____ people.