

## Our Response

God will work his miracles in your life as you step out \_\_\_\_\_, letting him be \_\_\_\_\_, and receiving his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Sermon audio and notes are available online at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/)

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Steve Steenwyk home recovering.
- ~Nancy Jansen continues healing after neck 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.
- ~Kayliah McClure (Carpenter's granddaughter, born 11/26) is scheduled for open heart surgery on Dec 7 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:

Is expressed to **Randy & Mary VanLiere** at the death of Randy's mom, **Marilyne VanLiere**, on Nov 24.

Is expressed to **Paul & Virginia Greenland** at the death of Virginia's brother, **Andy Offringa**, on Nov 29.

### Congratulations to:

- Joey & Megan Barth** at the birth of their daughter, **Emery Elyse** on Dec 1. Proud Grandparents are **Steve & Deb Barth**.
- Kevin & Kelly McClure** at the birth of their daughter **Kayliah Jo** on Nov 26. Proud Grandparents are **Tom & Miriam Carpenter**.

## 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](http://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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Sunday, December 6, 2015

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

ADVENT READING - LOVE

Seth & Emillie Clayton

OFFERING

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25 (p.767); Luke 1:26-38 (p. 781)

MESSAGE

"The Christmas Miracle: They Way Miracles Happen"

Pastor Paul Bradford

COMMUNION

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website  
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Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lisa Vergouwe, Tatum Kleis

(11:00am) Jaime Mueller, Stephanie Bergman, Megan Van Stensel

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Emillie Clayton, Sydney Kleis

(11:00am) Kristen Van Stensel, Elise Van Stensel



Next Sunday:  
CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION



## What's Going On?

### Today:

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

**10:00am: Sunday School** for all ages.

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

**Grades K-5<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**5:00pm: Annual Congregational Meeting.** Election of Elders & Deacons and 2016 Budget. Information on nominees and budget preview packets were placed in church mailboxes. Nursery care available.

**6:30pm: High School Youth Group** in Youth Room #153

### 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.

**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 18.](#)

**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)

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

**Sat, Dec 12, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Lunch** at Timber's Restaurant then to Barb Ribbons' for dessert & games. RSVP w/Carol Knox @ 866-4845.

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Sun, Dec 13: Blood Pressure Screening** after both services in Rm#211

**Sun, Dec 13: Annual Christmas Music Celebration** at both services

**Celebration Choir Rehearsal:** 6:30pm, Tues, Dec 8

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

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

**Wed, Dec 16, 6:00pm: Pioneer Clubs "Simply Christmas" Program.**

Dinner at 6:00pm and program begins at 6:45pm. Invite family and friends.

**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.](#)

**Sun, Jan 3: Winter Festival.** Similar to our Fall Festival, this is a scaled back version, between services, to give you a chance to sign-up for new volunteer opportunities, Studies/Life Groups and more. A breakfast brunch will be served between services. A **Concert of Prayer** will be held in the evening.

### Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: [brianmellis@outlook.com](mailto:brianmellis@outlook.com)

**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](mailto:rrcchildrensministry@gmail.com)

Pioneer Clubs – Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: [connections.rrc@gmail.com](mailto:connections.rrc@gmail.com)

**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 16: Pioneer Club Christmas Program.** 6:00pm Dinner, 6:45pm Program

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 272

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$7,200.80

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$415.00

## The Way Miracles Happen

*Series (2): The Christmas Miracle*

Text: Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: 12/6/2015

### Intro

### God's Word

① When we say "yes" to God's work in our lives we're in faith saying "yes" to letting him be \_\_\_\_\_.

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