

Our Response

Open your life to _____ and prepare
_____.

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Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Ryan De Kuiper** recovering after hip replacement surgery on Dec 14.
- ~**Katie Schrottenboer** recovering after jaw surgery on Dec 11.
- ~**Samantha Schrottenboer** scheduled for jaw surgery on Dec 21.
- ~**Tim Mulder** – cancer is confined to his larynx. Will start radiation in January.
- ~**Mark Schrottenboer** is recovering after outpatient knee surgery on Dec 10.
- ~**Steve Steenwyk** home recovering.
- ~**Nancy Jansen** continues healing after neck surgery.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** is undergoing treatments and is scheduled for an MRI on Sun, Dec 20.
- ~**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) heart surgery was successful, but dealing with other issues.
- ~**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.

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, December 20, 2015

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

ADVENT READING - PEACE

Vic & Sue Yurick

OFFERING

(Children are invited to Children’s Worship downstairs)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:34-38 (p. 781); 2Timothy 2:20-21 (p.907)

MESSAGE

“The Christmas Miracle: Learning to Grow with a 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) Polly Johnson, Madelyn Mc Connon

(11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

Today’s Children’s Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lora Jenema, Maddison Jenema

(11:00am) Nancy Steenwyk, Shannon Fanberg

Next Sunday: “The Christmas Miracle: Taking Hold of God’s Miracle”

Matthew 2:1-12 (p.738) • 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 on Dec 27 and Jan 3.

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 Youth Room #153

NO HS Youth Group on Dec 20, 27 and Jan 3

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. *On break – back Jan 5.*

Wednesdays: NO Simple Supper, Pioneer Clubs, Middle School Youth Group, or Adult Studies on Dec 23 & 30.

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)
On break – back Jan 8.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Thurs, Dec 24, 4:00pm & 6:00pm: "Giving Birth to God's Miracle" Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. Offering will benefit our "Birthday Blessings" program for children of clients of North Kent Community Services. (Nursery available)

Year-End Contributions must be received in the church office no later than 12:00noon on Wed, Dec 30.

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 at 6:00pm.

Results of Annual Congregational Meeting:

Administrative Elder: Megan DeVries (3yr)

Shepherd Elder: Luke Morgan (3yr), Jason Vergouwe (3yr)

Service Deacon: Peter Jolliffe (3yr), Emillie Clayton (3yr), Chad Kleis (1yr)

2016 Budget was approved.

Outgoing Consistory Members:

Wilma Nelson, Megan DeVries, Karen Bazen, Laura Jolliffe, Wally Glaza, and Nate Jennings. *Thank you for your faithful service to RRC!*

Part-time Custodian: Flexible schedule (10-15 hrs/week). Submit letter of interest and resume to the attention of the Human Resources Committee and drop them off to the church office. Wage to be determined by experience. Application deadline is Dec 29, 2015. *A BIG Thank You to Kevin VerMerris for his faithful years of service to RRC!*

On-line Giving now available. You can give directly from your phone or computer! There's a link to the form on the front page of our website www.RockfordReformedChurch.org



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brianmellis@outlook.com

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School. **NO** classes Dec 27 or Jan 3.

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

NO HS Youth Group on Dec 20, 27 and Jan 3

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

NO MS Youth Group on Dec 23 or 30.

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

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School. **NO** classes Dec 27 or Jan 3.

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

No supper or Pioneer Clubs on Dec 23 & 30.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 375

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$12,870.80

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$1,920.00

Learning to Grow with a Miracle

Series (3): The Christmas Miracle

Text: Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-35, 51 4th Sunday in Advent: 12/20/2015

Intro

God's Word

① Welcoming God's work in your life brings

② Welcoming God's work in your life deepens your

③ Welcoming God's work in your life increases your

④ Welcoming God's work in your life requires