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### Our Response

Worship and seek the Lord with your \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ !

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

## Prayer Fellowship

### Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Cody Jenema** had his tonsils/adenoids removed on Feb 17.
- ~**Pastor Ken Westrate** continues recovery after shoulder replacement surgery.
- ~**Tim Mulder** – cancer is confined to his larynx. Has started radiation.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** is undergoing treatments.
- ~**Shirley Barth** is home but under Hospice Care.
- ~**Bill Boyd** continues 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:

- ~**Kelly McNeek** (friend of Kleis’) passed away on Feb 11. Pray for comfort for family & friends.
- ~**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](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, February 21, 2016

Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SONGS OF WORSHIP

#### OFFERING

(Children are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

#### MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Scott Jacobs, Easter Baskets for NKCS

#### PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE

II Samuel 6:12-23 & others (p.228)

#### MESSAGE

"Biblical Expressions of Prayer"

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, Sarah & Olivia Pastula  
(11:00am) Beth Jennings, Avery Jennings

Next Sunday: "Practical Prayers"

Mark 10:46-52 (p.774) • 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!

**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:** "The Four Gospels," led by Bren Shantz. Meet in the Fireside Room #253.

**12:15pm: RRC Fundraising Dinner** to benefit HS Youth Group Mission trips & Retreats (Free-will donations)

**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:** "Discover Your Gifts," led by Marcia Coleman & Jean Boyd in Room #212.

**Tues, Feb 23, 7-9pm: Hearts for Orphans Jewelry Fundraiser Open House** to help Bren & Audrey Shantz with their fostering/adoption.

**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**

- A study on Hebrews, led by Pastor Paul, in the Fireside Room #253.
- Women's Study Group - "Life Rules" by Andy Stanley, 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 Feb 26.

**Fridays, 9:30-11:00am: Women's Bible Study** - new book, "Unglued," starts April 15, led by Emillie Clayton & Trisha Van Stensel in the Fireside Room #253. (Child care provided)

**Sat, Feb 27, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Lunch** at The Golden Wok then back to church for dessert and games. RSVP w/Carol Knox @ 866-4845

### Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

**Wed, March 2, 10:00am: Adult Fellowship Group.** Meet in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, goodies, and great conversation. Join us!

**Fri, March 4, 6:15pm: Adult Team Trivia Night.** Info is in your church mailbox.

**Sat, March 5, 9am or 10am: Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast** for Shantz's Foster/Adoption. See info in your mailbox.

**Sun, March 6: Children Lead Worship** at both services.

**Sun, March 6: Communion**

**Easter Baskets for NKCS:** This is a service project sponsored by our Deacons. Pick up baskets, grass and "The Gospel Story" book starting today. Take as many baskets as you think you would like to fill. Our goal is 250 baskets. *Deadline to return filled baskets is Sunday, March 13.*

**Sat, March 19, 9am-3pm: RRC Youth Ministry Garage Sale.** Save your stuff and watch for dates to drop off donations.

**Runners!** If you are interested in joining a church team for The FRED 200 mile running relay race (G.R. to Cadillac & back) on Aug 5-6 - Contact Dan Triezenberg [dtriezenberg@wolvgas.com](mailto:dtriezenberg@wolvgas.com) or 616-915-3574 before Feb 29.

**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](http://www.RockfordReformedChurch.org)



**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 in the back of the sanctuary or on-line at [www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/](http://www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/living-room-chats/) Next date is February 21.

### 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 Retreat: HS:** Feb 26-28

**April 1-2: MS & HS Profession of Faith Retreat**

### Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries - Beth Jennings, Director: [rcchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:rcchildrensministry@gmail.com)

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

**Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School.**

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

**Sat, March 26: Easter Egg Hunt. Needed:** Small, individually wrapped candies. Place donations in the basket in the Lobby, next to the welcome table.

### Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 289

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,307.25

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$2,216.00

## Biblical Expressions of Prayer and Praise

*Series (8): Prayer that will change your World*

Text: 2Samual 6:12-23 and others

Sunday: 2016-02-21

### Intro

### God's Word

① **B\_\_\_\_\_ - expressions of prayer and praise and their meaning**

- Lifting hands or head
- Clapping
- Standing
- Shouting
- Amen or Praise the Lord

• Spontaneous Song

• Kneeling

• Dancing

• Silence

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