

Our Response

God has made the Church _____, so we must live as
_____, in all _____, _____ and
_____.

Sermon audio and notes are available online at
www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Rebecca Cruttenden** is scheduled for surgery to repair a torn tendon in her left ankle on March 18.
- ~**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:

- ~**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:

Expressed to **Roger & Collette Hoogewind and family** at the death of Roger's mother, **Beatrice Hoogewind** on February 28.

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 (bulletin insert).

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, March 13, 2016
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

OFFERING

(Children (ages 3-7) are invited to Children's Worship downstairs)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-6 (p.891)

MESSAGE

"Life Together: True Unity"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

CLOSING BLESSING

Song Titles are listed in the Sermon Notes on our website
rockfordreformedchurch.org/sermons-2/

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(8:45am) Polly Johnson, Madelyn McConnon
(11:00am) Trisha Van Stensel, Becki Pilko, Anya Fanberg

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(8:45am) Lora Jenema, Maddison Jenema
(11:00am) Jodi Becksvort, Shannon Fanberg



Next Sunday: "Behold, the Lamb of God"
Matthew 21:1-14 (p.754) • 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-5th 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.

Sun, March 13: Blood Pressure Screening after both services, Rm#211

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: Starting March 22 - "What's So Amazing About Grace" (by Phillip Yancy), 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

- 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 March 25.

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

Sat, March 19, 9am-3pm: RRC Youth Ministry Garage Sale

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Easter Baskets for NKCS: *Deadline to return filled baskets is TODAY, Sunday, March 13.*

March 8-24: Journey to the Cross Prayer Walk: Guided & Self-Guided Walks. Special Breakfast on Sat, March 12 (8:30-10:00am). Check out brochure for times & dates. Don't see a date/time that works for you, contact the church office.

Sat, March 19, 9am-3pm: RRC Youth Ministry Garage Sale. Save your stuff! Drop off items March 14-18.

Sun, March 20: Palm Sunday

Fri, March 25, 7:00pm: Community Good Friday Service @ Bella Vista Church, 5100 Belding Rd. Sponsored by the Rockford Area Ministerial Assn.

Thurs, March 24, 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Sat, March 26, 9:30am: Easter Egg Hunt & Family Pancake Breakfast

Sun, March 27: Easter

Sat, March 26, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group meet for lunch at Rio Grande Restaurant followed by games and conversation at church in the Fireside Room. RSVP w/Carol @ 866-4845.

Sunday, April 10, 4:00pm: Concert of Prayer (followed by a meal)

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



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/ Next date is March 20.

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

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

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

Children's Ministries - Beth Jennings, Director: beth@rockfordrc.org

Pioneer Clubs - Laura Jolliffe, Coordinator: laura@rockfordrc.org

Sundays, 10:00am: Sunday School.

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

Sat, March 26, 9:30am: Easter Egg Hunt followed by a **family pancake breakfast**. **Needed:** Small, individually wrapped candies. Place donations in the tub in the Lobby, next to the welcome table.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 341

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$19,864.16

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$575.00

Hearts for Orphans Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Shantz's: \$1,628.00

True Unity

2nd in Series: Life Together

Text: Ephesians 4:1-6

Sunday: 3/13/2016

Intro

God's Word

① **The foundation of Christian unity is _____, not _____.**

Ⓐ We are one in the _____ (verse 4)

Ⓑ We are one in the _____ (verse 5)

Ⓒ We are one in the _____ (verse 6)

② **We are _____, so we must live like we are _____.**

③ **When we are _____, we cannot live as if we _____.**