

Our Response

❖ Jesus is the _____ of the world, as we walk in his light he will release in us his _____, _____, _____, and _____, enabling us to be a light in the _____.

Life Application Questions

- ❖ *How can I come into the light so that Jesus might reveal any darkness in me and purify me through his light?*
- ❖ *How can I receive the light of Christ's truth in my life this week?*
- ❖ *Have I become a follower of Christ so that I might receive the light of life? Where do I need to trust Christ to give me abundant life today?*

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~Pray for all of our young people attending **summer camps**.
- ~**Carol Riegling** had been hospitalized, is now home on oxygen, diagnosed with a brain lesion, and is consulting with doctors on treatment.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – MRI scheduled for July 21 to check the tumor. Prayer that it is stable or shrinking. Continues treatments every 3 weeks.
- ~**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:

- ~**Sarah Degen** (Yurick's daughter) diagnosed with breast cancer. Consulting with doctors on treatment.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman's) 6th battle with Leiomyosarcoma.
- ~**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.
- ~**Jan Lapp** (Tyler's mom) diagnosed with stomach cancer and starting 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 (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
connecting • growing • serving

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Worship @ 9:30am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Cannons, Give Us Clean Hands, Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

OFFERING

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Chris & Cathy Hallenbeck (Jacob, Tyler)

Matt & Tanya Holton (Tyler, Dylan)

Elliott Clayton, Kate Fleetham, Caleb Jennings, Landen Jennings,
Ethan Shantz, Abby Vanden Heuvel, Cora Vanden Heuvel, Hope Vander Heide

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 8:12 (p.817)

MESSAGE

"I AM the Light of the World"

Pastor Paul Bradford

RESPONSE

Marvelous Light

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:

(9:30am) Lisa Vergouwe, Trisha Van Stensel

Today's Children's Worship Volunteers:

(9:30am) Beth Jennings

Next Sunday: "I AM the Door"

John 10:1-10 (p.819) • Pastor Paul Bradford

What's Going On?

Today:

9:05am: Prayer in Pastor Paul's office to pray over the services. All welcome!

10:45am: After Service Social downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

This week's Social hosted by: RRC Church Staff

Sun, July 17: Blood Pressure Screening following the service – Rm#211

Sunday School will resume in the Fall

Praise In The Park, 6:00pm: Garden Park Stage, downtown Rockford on the banks of the Rogue River. Today: Resurrection Life Church

This Week:

Mondays, Tee Times from 5:00-5:30pm: Open Golf at Cedar Chase Golf Club.

Cost is \$15 (includes cart & 9 holes) Contact Jerry Coon @ 866-4704 for more info.

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

Every other Saturday, 7-8am: Men's Study Breakfast. "Guardrails" (avoiding regrets in your life). Meet in the Fireside Rm #253. Contact Kevin Johnson with questions. Next Meeting is Saturday, July 30.

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mailboxes and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

2nd Quarter Giving Statements were emailed last week. If you did not receive a statement please contact the church office so we can check your email address. We had a few bounce back as undeliverable. Don't have email? Statements are in your church mail folder.

Sun, July 24 – Wed, July 27, 6-8pm: "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School for ages 3 years through those who have completed 5th grade. Register your children now at www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/

Sat, July 23, 8:00am: Team Orphans 5K Cookie Run/Walk at Robinette's Apple Haus (East Beltline & 4 Mile). Run/Walk the 5K or just walk the first mile – it all ends up at the cookies!! Register on-line www.teamorphans.com/5k/register/ \$20 Individual/\$60 Family. Monetary donations also appreciated. ALL proceeds go toward adoption grants.

NEEDED: COOKIE BAKERS for the Run!! Bring cookies to the church kitchen by 3:00pm on Friday, July 22.

Sat, July 30, 1:00pm: Adult Singles Group – lunch at Rio Grande Restaurant and then back to church for dessert & fun. RSVP w/Carol @ 866-4845.

Sun, Aug 21: Whitecaps Family Day. Tickets are \$14.50 – includes hot dog or pretzel, and a soda. Only 120 tickets available! Sign-up in the lobby. Deadline is July 17.

On-line Giving: 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



Summer Worship Schedule: 9:30am (one service) June 12 – September 4

Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

Sunday School and weekly Youth Groups will resume in the Fall

Mission Trips: MS July 31-Aug 6

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

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

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Volunteers still needed for VBS: Set up/Tear down, Preschool Games, Elementary Games, Preschool Bible Quest, Nursery Helper, MS & HS Youth for Crew leaders (lead kids to stations). Contact Beth – beth@rockfordrc.org

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 205

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,476.38

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$3,020.00

I Am the Light of the World

3rd in Series: The I AM who changes who I am

Text: John 8:12

Sunday: 7/17/2016

Intro

God's Word

① Jesus is the _____ of the world, whoever

_____ him will receive the light of

_____.

Ⓐ The Light is pure, and gives us _____.

Ⓑ The Light illuminates, and gives us _____.

Ⓒ The Light is the source of life, and gives us

_____.

Ⓓ The Light is all powerful, and gives us _____.

② The world _____ the light because it _____

their deeds.

Ⓐ Darkness brings _____.

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Ⓓ Darkness brings _____.