

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, May 14, 2017
Worship @ 8:45am & 11:00am



Song of the Redeemed
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF WORSHIP
Manifesto, Praise to the Lord, Oh God

Children (ages 3 years - 3rd grade) are invited to KidLife Worship downstairs

OFFERING

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE
2 Kings 4:18-37 (p.274)

MESSAGE
"A Mother's Love and God's Love"
Pastor Tony Campbell

RESPONSE
Nothing But The Blood

CLOSING BLESSING

Today's Nursery Volunteers:
(8:45am) Polly Johnson, Madelyn McConnon (11:00am) Beth Jennings

Today's KidLife Worship Volunteers:
(8:45am) Beth Jennings (11:00am) Emily DeWitte, Beth Jennings, Avery Jennings



Grad
Sunday

Next Sunday: "Spiritual Warfare – The Adversary"
Ephesians 6:10-12 (p.893) • Pastor Paul Bradford

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

Prayer Fellowship

Recovery & Intercession:

- ~**Medical concerns of various Haiti individuals, especially Jorvens.**
- ~**Beth Ashendorf** had a stroke on 5/7 and is in ICU at Spectrum/Butterworth.
- ~**Pam Herin** is in Hospice care at Vista Springs Northview.
- ~**Elaine Pierson** is in Hospice care at Raybrook Manor.
- ~**Dave Mundwiler** – tumor is stable, continues treatment.
- ~**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: **Emily Bowers** and all military personnel.

Extended Family:

- ~**Don Feikema** (Bud's brother) scheduled for heart surgery.
- ~**Judy Handanch** (Terri Katsma's sister) in ICU after a recent stroke.
- ~**Carrol Orton** (Sharon Dulyea's sister) finished chemo and will be consulting with doctors.
- ~**Nancy Kingma** (cousin of Pomrankas) continues chemo. Pet Scan in June.
- ~**Brandon Homrich** (Newkirk's son-in-law) is home. Pray for continued healing.
- ~**Kathy Lambers** (friend of Bergman's) doing a clinical trial and having success.
- ~**Barry Lambers** (Kathy's husband) experiencing more movement.
- ~**Helen Heemstra** (Terri Katsma's mom) undergoing chemo treatments.

Sympathy:

- ~Expressed to Bud & **Carolyn Feikema** at the death of their sister-in-law, **Edna Feikema**, on May 1.

What's Going On?

Today:

8:20am: Prayer in Room #212 to pray over the services. All welcome!

10:00am: Sunday School for all ages: **(Resumes in the Fall)**

This Week:

Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm: Weekly Prayer Meeting in the sanctuary. (Last one is May 22 until Fall)

Mondays, Tee times from 5:30pm: Open Golf at Cedar Chase Golf Club. Cost is \$15 (includes cart & 9 holes) Contact Jerry Coon @ 204-3858 for more info.

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

Tuesdays, 9:30-11am: Women's Bible Study – "The Ten Commandments," led by Marcia Coleman and Jean Boyd in Rm #212. Final meeting May 16.

Last Thursday/month, 7:00-8:30pm: Ladies Book Club. Fireside Rm #253. May Book: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin. **Next meeting May 25.**

Announcements/Events - GENERAL:

Mail Folders and bulletin boards are in the church office hallway.

Communion: 1st Sunday of every month

Sun, May 21: Grad Sunday. Join us as we celebrate our Graduates. Cake reception following the 11:00am service

Needed: Mentors and/or Prayer Partners for High School Youth. If interested contact Roger Hoogewind @ 401-8631.

May 20 CPR/AED Class has been Cancelled. Not enough interest.

Sun, May 21: Blood Pressure Screening after both services in Rm#211.

Sun, May 21, 10:00am: Bethany Christian Services will give a presentation about their Refugee Program and how RRC can help. (Fireside Rm#253) Light refreshments will be served. (Child care available)

Sun, June 4: "One Sunday" Pentecost Special Offering. This offering provides opportunities to support local church planting efforts. Use the special offering envelope from your packet, or a pew envelope, and mark it "Pentecost" to have it posted to your givings. Be sure your name and/or offering envelope number are on the envelope. *Make checks out to Rockford Reformed Church.*

Sun, June 4, 10:00am: Congregational Update Meeting in the gym.

Wed, June 7, 12:00noon: Adult Fellowship Group Potluck. Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food and conversation. All welcome!

Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser for Alpha Family Center: Pick up a Baby Bottle and fill with spare change/dollar bills or a check (*made out to Alpha Family Center*) and return to church on June 18.

Summer Worship Schedule: One service at 9:30am - June 11 thru Sept 10

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



Announcements/Events - YOUTH:

Brian Ellis: brian@rockfordrc.org

10:00am Sunday School (Resumes in the Fall)

MS Youth Group meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm **(Resumes in the Fall)**

HS Youth Group meets on Sundays @ 6:30pm **(Resumes in the Fall)**

June 18-24: **HS Summer Mission Trip**

July 23-29: **MS Summer Mission Trip**

Announcements/Events - CHILDREN:

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

KidLife Club – Laura Jolliffe, Director: laura@rockfordrc.org

KidLife for ages 3 through 5th grade at 10:00am **(Resumes in the Fall)**

KidLife Club: Wednesday Programming **(Resumes in the Fall)**

Vacation Bible School: June 25-28, 6-8pm (Sunday-Wednesday) "Maker Fun Factory" (for kids ages 3 years through 5th grade) Register your child on our website: www.rockfordreformedchurch.org/vbs/ **Volunteers needed!** Contact Beth Jennings.

Attendance / Finance:

Last week's attendance: 332

Last week's Ministry & Missions offering: \$9,606.58

Last week's FLC Debt Reduction offering: \$830.00

Bergman Adoption Garage Sale: Raised \$6,000.00 *Thank you.*
Other Adoption Income: \$1,800.00 to date *Thank you!*



A Mother's Love and God's Love

Mother's Day

Text: 2 Kings 4:18-37

Sunday: 5/14/2017

Main thought: A Mother's love is like God's love for us, and Reflects God's Love for Us

1. A mother's love for her children reflects the unconditional love that God has for us.
 - a. The Shunammite woman's love for her son caused Elisha to pray to God for the life of the child.
 - b. God's love for us is demonstrated in the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ for us.
2. Our lives in this world need this kind of love
 - a. To free us from Suffering
 - b. To free us from Sin
 - c. To free us from Death
3. As the Shunammite woman called out to Elisha, so God calls out to us in Christ.
 - a. The Incarnation calls out to our common humanity
 - b. The Crucifixion touches our sin and suffering
 - c. The Resurrection lifts us up in hope