

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

July 16, 2023 10:00 AM

 *Invites the congregation to stand, as able*

Bold Text is spoken in unison by the congregation



The Sanctuary main floor is equipped with a loop system for the hearing impaired

We are happy you are here this morning!

Third Reformed Church celebrates the gospel of Jesus as the way God moves people from exclusion to embrace by grace through faith. As a gospel community we are fully inclusive of all people who seek to know, love, and follow Jesus in a life of faith regardless of race, class, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

Carson Cooman

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has set this day before us,
a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

God has set our lives before us,
a span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

God has set His seal upon our hearts,
so that we might live fully in deep love.

Let us Worship God!

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **799** *God Himself Is with Us*

ARNSBERG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving and Gracious God, you are so patient with us.
We run away and you seek us.
We make foolish choices and you teach us the better way.
We hurt you and others and instead of hurting us back, you forgive us.
Help us, we pray; help us reveal your glory and goodness in our living,
that we will bear the imprint of Christ throughout the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.
Alleluia! Amen.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Grace Flows Down

Louie Giglio

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Blessing

Congregation: **May the Lord bless you as you worship and learn.**
Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

Dismiss

The people offer a sign of peace to one another

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

John 12:23-26 (NT pg. 93)

MESSAGE

Glorifying God

Rev. Leonard McElveen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **636**

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

...ending with THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the hymnal cover)

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Benediction

Matt Redman

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

J.S. Bach

If you brought an offering this morning, please put it in an offering plate on the tables in the narthex.
Offerings may also be mailed to the church or made online at: <https://thirdgr.breezechms.com/give/online>.

Assisting God's people in worship this morning are the Rev. Leonard McElveen;

Ron Roden, liturgist;

Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;

Praise Team;

Tyler Nichols, Lead Audio and Visual Technician,

Walt Lockwood, audio technician;

and Bruce Klanderman, organist.

NURSERY AND TODDLER ROOM (LITTLE LAMBS)

We provide care during worship for our little ones, from birth through 3-years-old. The nursery and the toddler room are both located at the southwest end of the building (rooms 104 and 105) near the church office. A great big thank you to Tammy Schollaart for taking care of our little ones this morning! [Click here to sign-up to help on a future Sunday](#)

SUMMER CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

All kids (age 4 through 4th grade) will be invited during worship today to go with our children’s ministry team to worship in their own space. “Lava Lava Luau” is our worship theme this summer. Kids will be taught what God says about controlling emotion. 2 Timothy 1:7 says “God gave us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn’t make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love. He helps us control ourselves.” Please make your way to the children’s ministry wing on the southeast side of the building following worship to pick up your kids.

ARE YOU VISITING?

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please take a moment to fill out a “visitor card,” found in each pew, and leave it in an offering plate, or give it to one of our pastors.

ADULT ED 2nd HOUR

This morning we continue our Sermon and Scripture Reflection series for the summer. Come join us in the youth room from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm. Bring your questions and thoughts.

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (July 16)

Greeters:

Dick and Mary Welscott, Rog and Jane Bolhouse

Coffee and Cookies:

Karen Dean

NEXT WEEK (July 23)

Greeters:

The Schnelker Family, The Maddox Family

Liturgist:

Ava Coleman

Coffee and Cookies:

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

July 30

Rob and Barb Teitsma. Allison Teitsma,
Josh and Erin Teitsma

August 6

Bill and Barb Hamlin, Ted and Nancy Zwart

August 13

Rog and Jane Bolhouse, Don and Deb VanEssen

NEW CONSISTORY

At our congregational meeting on June 11, Windy Schnelker and Melissa VanderLeek were selected as our new elders, and Marc Coleman and Karen VanderMeulen were selected as our new deacons. Also, Ryan DeKorte has been selected as a deacon to fill the remaining 2 year term that was vacated by Jason Vanderploeg. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin their new terms serving on consistory. Ordination and installation of our new elders and deacons will take place on July 23 during worship.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY July 16	Worship Service Children's Worship Offered Adult Ed 2 nd Hour	10:00 AM 11:30 AM
TUESDAY July 18	Worship Planning Meeting Tacos, Trails & Treats @ the Schollaart's	10:30 AM 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY July 19	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
THURSDAY July 20	Take Charge Meeting (70x7) Ele's Place Summer Family Night	9:30 AM 5:30 PM
SUNDAY July 23	Worship Service Ordination/Installation of New Elders and Deacons Adult Ed 2 nd Hour	10:00 AM 11:30 AM

TACOS, TRAILS & TREATS

July 18 - Tacos, Trails & Treats @ the Schollaart's! It's not too late to sign up (or just show up - there will be plenty of food!). We will plan to eat around 5:30 pm (or whenever everyone is able to get there!). We'll plan to walk (or not..) to Trailside Treats for dessert (we can also stage a car to bring you back to our house or you can drive yourself and leave from there!). It is a little over 1/2 mile walk (one way) on the flat, shaded, and paved White Pine Trail. You can also bike it! If you cannot make it this Tuesday, mark your calendars for August 15 (you can come to both or whatever works for your schedule)! If you will be coming, please let Tammy know at 616.260.3675 (call or text) or tschollaart@comcast.net. Please bring your own beverage and \$ for ice cream. All the dinner food will be provided! Looking forward to seeing you! -Ron & Tammy Schollaart

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24 – 27 from 9 – 11:30 am (with an evening carnival on the 27th)
For all kids 3 years old (preschool) through entering 7th grade!



Join us for a STELLAR VBS this summer as we shine a light on Jesus' love! Kids will launch on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun! Each day at Stellar VBS, kids launch into field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. We can't wait to see you for this summer's VBS!

Click here to [register for VBS 2023 at Third Reformed Church](#), or call the church office @ 616.458.3089 during business hours.

GAMES AT THE FARM

Save the date of **July 29** for our annual "Games at the Farm" outing. Look for details to follow about this afternoon and evening event for all ages. -David Wygmans

CRAFT/QUILT GROUP WORKSHOP

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, quilting, etc., especially when you are with others who are likeminded? Pack up whatever you are working on at home and come join in on **Tuesday, August 8** from 9:30 am – 12 pm in the drama room.

The focus for our craft display cabinet this month is needlework arts. Be sure to make your way down the front hallway to see the beautiful display. The pieces in the cabinet were created by: Ruth DeVries, Becky Gebhart, Martha Katt, LaVona Riggs (Becky Gebhart's mom), and Karen VandenBos.

AN INVITE FROM THE BAIRD'S

Bob and Ingrid Baird invite you to spend a day at their cottage on **Saturday, August 12** (weather permitting) from 2 pm until dusk. Bob and Ingrid will provide sloppy joes, s'mores, water and sparkling water. Please bring any other "types of beverages" you prefer. Their cottage is located on White Lake just an hour's drive from Grand Rapids. There are spots for 8 people in any configuration: Singles, couples or families. Sign up in the Connections Center or call/email the church office! Further information will be provided for those who can join us!

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, John Gorsky (Lisa Roskiewicz’s dad) Bonnie Kovacs, Len Nagel, Roger Ritsema, Leon and Kathy Siekman, Sandy Swan, and Joan Vila.
- We lament with the **Houtman Family** following the passing of Helen on Thursday, July 13. Helen passed peacefully in the presence of family. She was 89-years-old. There is a white rose up front on the communion table in celebration of Helen’s life and the promise fulfilled of eternal life through Christ. Funeral arrangements are pending. Cards and expressions of sympathy and love for the family may be sent to: 2113 Edgewood Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505
- Please pray that Charlotte Dibble be filled with Christ’s love while attending Camp Geneva this week (7-17 through 7-21).
- Please take time this week to pray for the missionaries we support through the RCA: Ahuas Clinic/Doctors – Honduras, **Nathan and Nozomi Brownell – Japan**, Adrian and Bernardeth Bobb-Kelly – Nicaragua, our missionaries in the Netherlands, and Brian and Donna Renes – USA.

If you are in need of prayer or know of someone who is, or if would like to receive prayer requests via the prayer chain, please contact Paula Boeve @ 616.581.5459 or psvsboo@aol.com, or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY

- **Supper House** – Big thanks to Paula Boeve, Edy Borgondy, Karen Dean, Jim De Korte, Brandon Slomp and Martha Garcia, Ron and Tammy Schollaart, and David Wygmans for serving at Supper House this past Tuesday. A full house of people to serve was handled with grace and dignity. -Keith Boeve
- **Food Pantry** - This month we are collecting raisins, canned pineapple, canned peaches and canned fruit cocktail. There is a table in the “gathering space” or space by the church mailboxes for donations. You may also make a monetary donation, which can be put in the white mailbox on the food donation table. (In August, we will be collecting peanut butter.)



Third Reformed Church

**A community of Christ's disciples,
and the presence of Christ to our neighbors.**

YOUR 2022/2023 CONSISTORY

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Michael Christy
Chris Fann
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