

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

August 20, 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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Johann Adam
Raymond Haan

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Living Prayer

Ron Block

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 1:1-18 (NT pg. 79)

MESSAGE

The Presence of Christ

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **29**

O Worship the King

LYONS

✠ POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

Alice Jordan

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. Jeffrey Petersen, Senior Pastor;

Margo Taylor, liturgist;

Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries;

Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;

Katie Lockwood, soloist;

Praise Team;

Josie Breukink, audio,

Noah Breukink, projection and livestream;

and Bruce Klanderman, organist.

VISION STATEMENT

What are we talking about when we talk about what defines us as a congregation? This August we will revisit some familiar passages of scripture on an exploration of our church vision statement.

Date	Text	Title
August 6	Romans 12:9-21	A Community
August 13	John 13:1-17	Of Christ's Disciples
August 20	John 1:1-18	The Presence of Christ
August 27	Luke 10:25-37	To Our Neighbors

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 Anna Wicks for taking care of our little ones this morning. [Click here to sign-up to help on a future Sunday](#).

ARE YOU VISITING?

If you are worshiping 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.

Please join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service, and for a cup of coffee or punch and a sweet treat.

"SUMMER" ADULT ED DURING 2nd HOUR

We will not be meeting this morning (August 20).



THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (August 20)

AM Coordinator

Greeters:

Coffee and Cookies:

Bill Davidson

Ron and Deb Roden, Dawn Muller

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

NEXT WEEK (August 27)

AM Coordinator

Greeters:

Liturgist:

Coffee and Cookies:

Bill Davidson

Jason and Holly Crow

Les/Liz Coleman

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

September 3

Outdoor Worship – No Greeters

September 10

The VanderLeek Family, Ruth DeVries

September 17

John and Lori Gebhart, Becky Gebhart

September 24

Chuck and Karen VanderMeulen, Gussie Farris

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Are you interested in finding out more about Third Reformed Church? Please join the Elders and Pastor Jeffrey on one of the following dates:

Sunday, August 27 from 11:30am-12:15pm

or

Tuesday, September 5 from 6-7:30pm

This will be a time to discuss what membership to Third Reformed and the Reformed Church in America (RCA) is all about. It is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about what it means to belong to the body of Christ. It's also a chance to spend time in community with other believers; to get a better sense of where others we see in worship are coming from.

We will be using a book called *Belonging*, which is a publication of the RCA. Vice President of Consistory Kirk Breukink has copies available for you to have. They are available now or will be given out at the gatherings. Please RSVP to Kirk at kbreukink@rieth-riley.com. We hope you can join us!

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- Please pray for Esther Woudenberg as she recovers from pneumonia following a recent trip to Alaska. She has been an inpatient at Blodgett Hospital this week. Esther's address: 3615 Cook Valley Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
- 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.
- 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.



Join us as we kick off a new ministry year with our annual picnic following morning worship on **Sunday, September 10**. This tradition is a great opportunity to gather together for food and fellowship, as we celebrate a new ministry year. The menu will be shared before the picnic.

If you have dabbled in helping in the kitchen and with Community Life this past summer, or if you are interested in joining the Community Life team and helping with events like the church picnic. Please talk to Laura Blauw! She can be reached at 616.450.1651.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY August 20	Worship Service Children's Worship Offered	10:00 AM
MONDAY August 21	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
TUESDAY August 22	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop Worship Planning Meeting Consistory Meeting	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY August 23	Staff Meeting Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	10:00 AM 12:30 PM
SUNDAY August 27	Worship Service New Member Orientation	10:00 AM 11:30 AM

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 this **Tuesday (August 22)** from 9:30 am – 12 pm in the drama room.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Weather permitting, on **Sunday, September 3** we will be worshipping on the front lawn. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on in preparation to worship and praise our God in this very special setting.

2nd HOUR EDUCATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES)

Sunday, September 17 we begin our fall year for Sunday school, or what we call 2nd Hour. There is something for all ages during this 45-minute time period. We meet from 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, following worship and a time of fellowship. Listen for the bell, which we ring when it is time to disperse to our designated rooms.

WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS THIS FALL

We will gather together on **the third Wednesday each month** at 6 pm for a themed night, dinner and fellowship with one another. Put the following dates on your calendar now, and we look forward to connecting!



September 20 “Autumn Apples and New Beginnings”

October 18 “Harvest Fest and Pumpkin Outreach”

November 15 “Chili Cook-off”

December 20 “Christmas Carols and Cocoa”



CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

Sneak Peek! Here’s what’s happening in the next few weeks!

August 27 Worship bags for kids available during worship
(Bags are on the table in the narthex.)

September 3 Outdoor worship – worship bags available

September 10 The fall semester for children’s worship begins. This is for all kids 4 years (before Sept. 2023) through 4th grade. Don’t forget about the church picnic following worship.

September 17 The fall semester for 2nd Hour Sunday School begins

6TH GRADE

7th Grade

YOUTH GROUP

We will meet on September 10 at 5:30 pm to kick off our year together! It will be a fun night with a campfire, food, and yard games! We will continue to meet every other week this semester.

-Jen Kelly



8-12th GRADERS

2nd HOUR AND YOUTH GROUP ARE STARTING!

2nd Hour is following worship on Sundays from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm.

Youth Group is on Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

September 10

Youth Group Kick-off!

September 17

2nd Hour

First Day! Meet in the Youth Room and hear Mrs. Jen's faith story.

No **Youth Group** in the evening.

September 24

2nd Hour

Spiritual Gifts...You have them...but what are they?

Youth Group

Dinner, Games, Mission Impossible style Gathering

October 1

2nd Hour from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm

Spiritual Gifts...You have them...let's find out what they are!

Youth Group

Rev. Liv's gonna walk around **Art Prize** if you want to come with!



NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Supper House – We will be serving as a church on **Tuesday, September 5** from 4:45-6:30pm at St. Alphonsus Parish on Carrier St. in Grand Rapids. Our group will be responsible for serving the guests with food and drink, and bussing and wiping clean the tables after they leave. We will also help with the clean-up following the supper, and will take down the tables and chairs and vacuum. If you have already volunteered at Supper House, thank you, and please sign-up to help again! If you have not yet, it is a rewarding experience for all those who take part. There is a sign-up sheet in the Connections Center, or you can text or call Keith Boeve at 616.560.9429 to let us know you'll be coming.

Food Pantry - Each month we have been collecting specifically requested items by NECM, and this has been very successful and much appreciated. This month we are collecting jars of peanut butter. Thank you to everyone who has already donated! 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. Next month (September) we will be collecting cereal, including oatmeal in canisters.



Third Reformed Church

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

YOUR 2023/2024 CONSISTORY

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