

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 15, 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

Alleluia

Mozart

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

If God is for us, who is against us?

He who gave us his son now gives us the Spirit in power!

The Holy One is in our midst,

equipping us for life in the service of Christ.

In Christ we are reconciled to him and to one another,

for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!

May the all-surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And the unshakable love of God be with you.

The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you!

Let us Worship God!

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Come, All You People
Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Alexander Gondo
Paul Baloche

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent and make us whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

CHORAL ANTHEM

In Thee, Almighty King

Dan Forrest

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Galatians 4:8-20 (NT pg. 167)

MESSAGE

Gospel Growing

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 559

Make Room within My Heart, O God

KINGSFOLD

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Step By Step

Beaker

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Rondeau in D

Mouret

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

Make an Offering



*Assisting God's people in worship this morning are the Rev. Jeffrey Petersen, Senior Pastor
and the Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker;
Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries;
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;
Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins;
Praise Team;
Walt Lockwood, audio technician;
and Eli Petersen, visual technician.*

GRACE IN GALATIA

An 11 week journey through Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia fiercely advocating for a "Jesus plus nothing" gospel.

Date	Text	Title
Sept. 10	Galatians 1:1-10	Jesus Plus Nothing
Sept. 17	Galatians 1:11-2:10	Direct Knowledge
Sept. 24	Galatians 2:11-21	Integrity
Oct. 1	Galatians 3:1-18	Try As Hard As You Want
Oct. 8	Galatians 3:19-4:7	Boundless Inheritance
Oct. 15	Galatians 4:8-20	Gospel Growing
Oct. 22	Galatians 4:21-5:1	An Uncomfortable Allegory
Oct. 29	Galatians 5:1-15	Free To Love
Nov. 5	Galatians 5:16-26	The Fruit We Bear
Nov. 12	Galatians 6:1-10	On Our Own, Together
Nov. 19	Galatians 6:11-18	Don't Back Down

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 and Judy Nagel for caring for our little ones this morning. [Click here to sign-up to help on a future Sunday](#)

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 give it to one of our pastors. Or, simply scan the QR code below and fill out a “visitor form.”

Contact Information



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



FAITH FORUM (Formerly called 2nd Hour)

Today at 11:30 am we continue our series on **spiritual gifts**. Adults and 8-12th graders will gather around cookies and coffee as a community and connect with others who have the same or similar gifts.

Coming up: For five weeks (October 22 and 29 and November 5, 12 and 19) we will focus on **spiritual disciplines**. What are they? How do we do them? Do they matter?

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

This month we are collecting **salad dressings**. 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 November, we will be collecting crackers.)

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (October 15)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

The Tjoelker Family, Tom and Marjean Dooley
Emily, Jordan and Sam Wilford

Coffee and Cookies:

Laura Blauw and Jim Vanden Bos

NEXT WEEK (October 22)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

The Plantenga Family, Bryan and Cheryl Hageman

Liturgist:

Jason Crow

Coffee and Cookies:

Volunteers Needed

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

October 29

Ron and Tammy Schollaart, Len and Dianne DeBraber

November 5

The Coleman Family

November 12

The Reid Morris Family, Ted and Nancy Zwart

November 19

Keith and Paula Boeve

Martha Katt, Beverly, Lucas and Ivy Haycraft

November 26

Jim and Mary De Korte, Bill Dykstra

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

Our children, ages 4 years (must be 4 by Sept. 2023) through 5th grade, will be invited to dismiss to their own worship space. This fall, kids will explore that God created us for community and learn how to reflect Jesus' love and treat one another with friendship. The children can be picked up following the service in the Children's Wing (east side of the building).

Children's Worship Volunteers This Week (October 15)

LEVEL 1

Allison Teitsma

LEVEL 2

Amy Kent

Children's Worship Volunteers This Week (October 22)

LEVEL 1

Jen Kelly

LEVEL 2

Barb Teitsma

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 15	Children's Worship Offered Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
October 16	Small Group Meeting (Faith After Doubt)	6:30 PM
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
October 17	Classis Executive Committee Meeting	11:30 AM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
October 18	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Small Group Meeting (What is the Bible)	5:45 PM
	Wednesday Night Connections	6:00 PM
	On the Menu: Taco Bar	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
October 19	Ele's Place Program	6:15 – 8:00 PM
	Small Group Meeting (Woven)	6:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 22	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	6-7 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
	8-12 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM

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 us on Tuesday, October 24 from 9:30 am – 12 pm in the drama room. Can't make it on that date? This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS



It's that time to connect again **this Wednesday, October 18!** Join us at 6 pm for a delicious taco bar, including harvest veggie tacos, and all things pumpkin – pumpkin cookies, pumpkin bars, pumpkin outreach, and a pumpkin prayer walk! We hope to see you for fun, food, friends, and fellowship at this week's Community Connection.



Join us on November 15 at 6 pm for our annual Chili Cook-Off!

Sign up in the Connections Center to bring a chili, and/or dessert.

Last year we had 12 delicious chilis to choose from. Our 2022 winners were: 1st

Place – Amy Breukink with her Italian Chili

2nd Place – Bryan Hageman with his Roasted Pumpkin Chili

3rd Place – Mark Dietrich with his Beltline Chili.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Olivia and her family following the passing of her beloved grandfather, Rev. John "Jack" Stewart. In addition to being a supportive grandparent and formative part of Olivia's childhood, Jack was one of her professors at Princeton Seminary and a model for pastoral ministry. The memorial service is tomorrow, October 16, at 11 am at Church of the Servant (3835 Burton St SE). [Click here for Obituary](#)
Pastor Olivia's address: 1059 Crescent St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, John Gorsky (Lisa Roskiewicz's dad), Len Nagel, Roger Ritsema, Leon and Kathy Siekman, Sandy Swan, and Joan Vila.

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.



8-12th GRADERS

2nd HOUR AND YOUTH GROUP

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.

October 15

2nd Hour

InterGen Gathering

No Youth Group

October 22

2nd Hour

Spiritual Disciplines...Say What?

Youth Group

Dinner, Games, Gathering

October 29

2nd Hour

Spiritual Disciplines...Seriously?

No Youth Group

November 5

2nd Hour

Spiritual Disciplines...O.K. I guess

Youth Group

Dinner, College Care Packages, Games, Gathering



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

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