

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 8, 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

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Rowland Prichard

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.**

Great is your name.

Great is your love!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory and grace,
You call us your children and shower us with love.

**We come before you to acknowledge the ways
we have failed to love you with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength,
and have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Time for silent prayer (2 minutes)

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Galatians 3:19-4:7 (NT pg. 167)

MESSAGE

Boundless Inheritance

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Lord Most High

Don Harris

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bryan Hageman

Beverly Haycraft

Chris, Leslie, Sydney and Drew Muller

Brock Shoemaker

- Confession of Faith in the words of The Apostles' Creed (*printed inside the hymnal cover*)
- Prayer of Blessing
 - ...By the Holy Spirit all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and to love and serve those with whom they live and work.

We are ambassadors for Christ,
who reconciles and makes whole.

We are the salt of the earth;
we are the light of the world.

**We are Third Reformed Church,
a Community of Christ's Disciples,
and the presence of Christ to our neighbors.**

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

May The Lord
(Tune to Edelweiss)

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Old Hundredth

OLD HUNDREDTH

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;
Reid Morris, liturgist;
Elder Windy Schnelker, Prayer of Gratitude and Longing;
Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries;
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music;
Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins;
Praise Team;
Emma Christy, 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 Bill and Barb Hamlin 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 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.

<https://thirdgr.breezechms.com/r/dashboard>



THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (October 8)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Dick and Mary Welscott

Coffee and Cookies:

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

NEXT WEEK (October 15)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

The Tjoelker Family, Tom and Marjean Dooley

Emily, Jordan and Sam Wilford

Coffee and Cookies:

Karen Dean

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

October 22

The Plantenga Family, Bryan and Cheryl Hageman

October 29

Ron and Tammy Schollaart

November 5

The Coleman Family

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 8)

LEVEL 1	Jen Kelly
LEVEL 2	Amy Kent

Children's Worship Volunteers This Week (October 15)

LEVEL 1	Allison Teitsma
LEVEL 2	Amy Kent

A GREAT BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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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 in their own spaces to explore together how we can grow in our gifts and how they can be used in the church, at work/school, and in the home.

October 15 – 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 8	Reception of New Members Children's Worship Offered Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	6-7 th Grade Youth Group	Following Worship
	8-12 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
	Chapel Worship at Mel Trotter	6:00 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
October 9	Small Group Meeting (Faith After Doubt)	6:30 PM
TUESDAY	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop	9:30 AM
October 10	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Elder Meeting	6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
October 11	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Small Group Meeting (What is the Bible)	5:45 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
October 12	Ele's Place Program	6:15 – 8:00 PM
	Small Group Meeting (Woven)	6:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 15	Children's Worship Offered Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	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 us this Tuesday, October 10 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 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!

October 18 "Harvest Fest and Pumpkin Outreach"



November 15 "Chili Cook-off"

December 20 "Christmas Carols and Cocoa"

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- 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.
- Please take time this week to pray for the missionaries we support through the RCA: 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 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.)





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

YOUR 2023/2024 CONSISTORY

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