

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

November 12, 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

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

H.P. Smith

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **77**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

SONG OF CONFESSION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Joseph Hart

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

arr. Fred Bock

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 6:1-10 (NT pg. 167)

MESSAGE

On Our Own, Together

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **708**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dave and Deb Ames

Len and Dianne DeBraber

Tom Dooley

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	<i>Benediction</i>	Matt Redman
✠ BENEDICTION		
✠ POSTLUDE	<i>We Praise Thee O God Our Redeemer</i>	arr. A.L. Page

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. Jen Petersen,
 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, Eli Petersen, visual technician,
 and Lois Ripma, organist.*

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 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 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



A PRAYER LABYRINTH IS IN THE BUILDING!

Come learn about and walk a prayer labyrinth following worship today in the fellowship hall. Grab a cup of coffee or punch and a cookie on your way down the long hallway to the fellowship hall. We will also enjoy fellowship in the lounge. (Did you know the definition of “fellowship” is “a friendly feeling that exists between people who have a shared interest or are doing something as a group?”)

LOCKING DOORS

Third has turned into a busy place during the week. It is for this reason we need your due diligence in locking doors. Last week doors were left open 3 different nights. If you are the last to leave, please make sure to check doors. Thanks much.

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

TODAY (November 12)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

The Reid Morris Family, Ted and Nancy Zwart

Coffee and Cookies:

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

NEXT WEEK (November 19)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Keith and Paula Boeve

Martha Katt, Beverly, Lucas and Ivy Haycraft

Liturgist:

Margo Taylor

Coffee and Cookies:

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

November 26

Jim and Mary De Korte, Bill Dykstra

December 3

Ron and Deb Roden, Lisa and Henry Kuiper

December 10

Chris and Leslie Muller, Brock Shoemaker

December 17

The Teitsma Family

December 24

It's Christmas Eve! "God bless us, every one (Tiny Tim)!"

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 (November 12)

LEVEL 1

Allison Teitsma

LEVEL 2

Barb Teitsma

Children's Worship Volunteers This Week (November 19)

LEVEL 1

Allison Klinck

LEVEL 2

Amy Kent

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
November 12	Reception of New Members Children's Worship Offered Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School Chapel Worship at Mel Trotter	11:30 AM 6:00 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
November 13	Small Group Meeting (Faith After Doubt)	6:30 PM
TUESDAY	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop	9:30 AM
November 14	Staff Meeting Worship Planning Meeting Elder Meeting	10:30 AM 11:30 AM 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
November 15	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes Small Group Meeting (What is the Bible) Chili Cook-off	12:30 PM 5:45 PM 6:00 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
November 16	Ele's Place Program Small Group Meeting (Woven)	6:15 – 8:00 PM 6:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
November 19	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, November 14 from 9:30 am – 12 pm in the drama room. Can't make it this week? This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month 😊

WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS



Join us this Wednesday (November 15) at 6 pm for our annual Chili Cook-off! Everyone is invited to join in the fun! Sign up at the Connections Center to bring your favorite chili recipe and/or dessert. Compete for the best overall chili, or just come to taste lots of delicious chilis and enjoy fellowship together! You may also sign up by clicking the following link: [Chili Cook-Off 2023 Sign-up](#) or talk to Jen Kelly!

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.
- 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.

A GREAT BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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EAST LEONARD ELEMENTARY

Clothing is needed for East Leonard Elementary. If you have pants (jeans, sweatpants, leggings, etc.) or shirts that your kids have outgrown, please consider donating them to East Leonard, to keep in their “just in cast needed” closet (things happen – ya know!) All sizes welcome, but probably more needed for the younger kiddos! Please leave them on the floor under Tammy Schollaart’s mailbox. Thank you!

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY (NECM) FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting **crackers** this month. 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 we will be collecting shampoo.)

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE

We continue to collect returnable cans and bottles for the NECM Food Pantry and our high school youth. This drive has been very beneficial to support these ministries. Just drop off your cans and bottles in front of the church garage at the door and we will take it from there. Thank you!



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and the presence of Christ to our neighbors.**

YOUR 2023/2024 CONSISTORY

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