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## The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan  
November 5, 2023 10:00 AM

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 *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

*Let All Things Now Living*

arr. Joseph Martin

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has set us free

**Free to serve**

**Free to welcome and include**

**Free to love our neighbors as ourselves**

**In this freedom,**

**Let us worship God!**

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **379**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God,  
we Your people come to You this day  
fully aware that we need Your presence and Your help in our lives,  
yet aware as well that we often fail to stop and to turn to You for that help.  
We get caught up in the troubles and the turmoils of daily living—  
we become busy with the goals that we have set for ourselves  
and those that come to us from our work and our families and our friends.  
We strive to be loving,  
we seek joy and peace,  
we desire to be gentle and patient and kind,  
to show goodness, and to have self-control—  
and yet these things all too often elude us.  
Help us, Lord, to root ourselves more deeply in You;  
to seek Your will for our lives.

## 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*

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Fruit We Bear*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Galatians 5:16-26 (*NT pg. 168*)

MESSAGE

*The Fruit We Bear*

The Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker

**WE RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

✠ CHORAL ANTHEM

*Sine Nomine*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Helen Houtman  
June Kapteyn  
Beth Miller  
Dave Scully

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty . . .

. . . With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven  
we worship and adore your glorious name.

*-Sung-*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty**

**Early in the morning**

**our song shall rise to thee**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

Most righteous God . . .

. . . Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray . . .

. . . Even so, **come Lord Jesus!**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Benediction* Matt Redman

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *Promised Land* Folk

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. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation,  
Ron Roden, liturgist,  
Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries,  
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music,  
Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins,  
Praise Team,  
Emma Chrisy, audio technician,  
and Noah Breukink, 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
<b>Nov. 5</b>	<b>Galatians 5:16-26</b>	<b>The Fruit We Bear</b>
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 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**



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 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour)**

Today marks week 3 of our 5-week series on spiritual disciplines. Please come join us from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm in the Youth Room, following worship and a brief time of fellowship. Faith Forum is for everyone! If you can't make it every Sunday, no worries. Come whenever you are able.

## **NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY (NECM) FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you to all who donated to the Food Pantry during the month of October! We collected many bottles of salad dressing. November is here, and it is now time for us to collect **crackers**. 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.

## **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!

-Keith Boeve

## THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS

### **TODAY** (November 5)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

The Coleman Family

Coffee and Cookies:

Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

### **NEXT WEEK** (November 12)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

The Reid Morris Family, Ted and Nancy Zwart

Liturgist:

Jen Petersen

Coffee and Cookies:

**Volunteers Needed**

## UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

November 19

Keith and Paula Boeve

Martha Katt, Beverly, Lucas and Ivy Haycraft

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

## CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

Our children, ages 4 years (must be 4 by Sept. 2023) through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5)

LEVEL 1

Allison Klinck

LEVEL 2

Jamie De Korte

### **Children's Worship Volunteers This Week** (November 12)

LEVEL 1

Allison Teitsma

LEVEL 2

Barb Teitsma

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

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TODAY November 5	Worship Service – All Saints Sunday Celebration of the Lord's Supper Children's Worship Offered 6-7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School 8-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group	10:00 AM     Following Worship 11:30 AM 5:30 PM
MONDAY November 6	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes Small Group Meeting (Faith After Doubt)	12:30 PM 6:30 PM
TUESDAY November 7	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY November 8	Women's Bible Study Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes Small Group Meeting (What is the Bible) Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM 12:30 PM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM
THURSDAY November 9	Take Charge Meeting (70x7) Ele's Place Program Small Group Meeting (Woven)	9:30 AM 6:15 – 8:00 PM 6:30 PM
SUNDAY November 12	Worship Service Children's Worship Offered Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School Chapel Worship at Mel Trotter	10:00 AM  11:30 AM 6:00 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, November 14 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



**Join us on Wednesday, November 15 at 6 pm** for our annual Chili Cook-Off! Everyone is invited! This is a super fun event! 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](#)

## 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](mailto:psvsboo@aol.com), or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.



# 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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Walt Lockwood  
Windy Schnelker  
Ron Schollaart  
Barb Teitsma

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