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## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

September 29, 2024 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

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, welcome!

**Welcome to this place of love and grace.**

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.**

God invites all of us to share in the good news.

**We are welcome, just as we are.**

**We are loved, just as we are.**

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God!

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Brian Doerksen

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you place us in the world to be its salt.  
We are afraid of committing ourselves,  
afraid of being stained by the world.  
We do not want to hear what “they” might say  
and our salt dissolved as if in water.  
Forgive us, Jesus.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you place us in the world to be its light.  
We are afraid of the shadows,  
afraid of the poverty.  
We do not want to know “difficult” people  
and our light slowly fades away.  
Forgive us, Jesus.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you placed us in the world to live in community.  
Thus, you taught us to love,  
to share in life,  
to struggle for bread and for justice,  
Your truth incarnate in our lives.

**So be it, Lord Jesus.**

**Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good,  
and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight.  
Help us to flavour the earth with righteousness  
and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world;  
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 470

*Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

JESUS LOVES ME

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

*Seek Ye First*

Karen Lafferty

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-11, 24-29 (*OT pg. 120*)  
Mark 9:38-50 (*NT pg. 39*)

MESSAGE

*Would That All Be Prophets*

Rev. Marlin Vis

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **519**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

VILLE DU HAVRE

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Benediction*

Matt Redman

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

Swedish Folk Melody

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. Marlin Vis*  
*the Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation*  
*Jen Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries*  
*Pam Lockwood, Director of Music*  
*Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins*  
*Praise Team*  
*Josie Breukink, sound technician*  
*AJ Arechiga, projectionist/livestream technician*  
*Lois Ripma, organist*

## **THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING**

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

The Schnelker Family, Brandon Slomp and Martha Garcia -Greeters

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart - Coffee and Cookies

### **NEXT WEEK (October 6)**

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Bob and Ingrid Baird, Bill Dykstra

Coffee and Cookies:

Volunteers Needed

### **UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

October 13

John and Lori Gebhart, Becky Gebhart

October 20

Dave and Deb Ames, Reggie Turner

October 27

Chuck and Karen Vander Meulen, Gussie Farris

November 3

Len and Dianne De Braber, The Wilford Family

November 10

Chris and Leslie Muller, Steve and Lisa Roskiewicz

November 17

Ted and Nancy Zwart, Millie Noordyke

November 24

High School Youth

December 1

The VanderLeek Family, Bruce and Susie Neckers

December 8

Ron and Tammy Schollaart, Joyce Bengelink

December 15

The Maddox Family, Nancy McIntyre

December 22

The Plantenga Family, Bryan and Cheryl Hageman

December 29

The Reid Morris Family

**\*Please call or email the office if you have a conflict with the date you are scheduled for.**

### **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 listen for the bell, which is the cue that Sunday School/Faith Forum will be starting very soon.

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



### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

All children, ages 4 years (must be 4 by Sept. 2024) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be invited during the worship service to dismiss to their own worship space. The children can be picked up following the service in the children's wing (east side of the building).

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**

Children's Sunday School and Faith Forum (2<sup>nd</sup> Hour) will meet today from 11:30 am – 12:15pm.

Today we welcome the Rev. Marlin Vis to our Faith Forum group. For the next few weeks, Rev. Vis will discuss the present situation in Israel/Palestine.

### **FALL SCHEDULE OF GUEST PASTORS**

September 29	Rev. Marlin Vis
October 6	Rev. Marlin Vis (Communion Sunday)
October 13	Rev. Marlin Vis
October 20	Rev. Nate DeWard
October 27	Rev. Richard Welscott
November 3	Rev. Neal Plantinga (Communion Sunday)
November 10	Rev. Anne Elzinga
November 17	Rev. David Wygmans
November 24	Youth Sunday

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, Len Nagel, Virginia Schollaart, Dee Scully, Leon 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.



### ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

If you are in need of prayer or know of someone who is, or if you 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.



Today it is Susie Neckers' birthday and Abby Schnelker's birthday!  
Be sure to wish them both a very blessed and happy birthday if you see them!

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)*

## YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

All of you who feel "Young at Heart" are invited to join us this Wednesday (October 2) for a French-themed luncheon prepared by Chef Bryan Hageman. We will also enjoy a presentation put together by Ingrid Baird on all things "French." Her extensive travel in France and mastery of the language provides her with comedic insights into the French language, as well as what major landmarks are worth learning about. Come! Eat! Converse! Learn! It is sure to be a delightful afternoon! Cost is \$10.

Please click the link below or sign up today at the Connection Center if you plan to attend.

[Click Here to Sign Up for the Luncheon](#)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

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TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
September 29	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	7-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
	9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
September 30		
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
October 1		
WEDNESDAY	Young at Heart Gathering	12:00 PM
October 2	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
October 3	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SATURDAY	Michigan Oaks Neighborhood Association Meeting	12:00 PM
October 5		
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 6	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	Documentary Watch Party	6:30 PM

## SAVE THE DATE – WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS

We will gather for fellowship and a community meal on the following Wednesday evenings at 6 pm: October 16 (Bahama Party), November 20 (Chili Cook-off) and December 18 (Christmas Caroling).



## FALL 2024 SMALL GROUPS

If you haven't signed up for a small group yet, please do so today. They will start next week. We will be reading the classic "A River Runs Through It" by Norman Maclean. As a nod to the "living waters" theme of Jeffrey's sabbatical, this book is full of grit, humor, friendship, grief, theology, and of course, fishing. We will discuss what each of us are learning as we read the book. We will also dive into where else we find "living waters" and how we can support each other as we navigate the waters together. There are 3 different times to choose from:

[Click Here to Sign Up for Fridays 12-1 pm](#) – Led by Pastor Olivia

[Click Here to Sign Up for Monday Evenings 6:30-7:30 pm](#) – Led by Ron Roden

[Click Here to Sign Up for Sunday Evenings 6-7 pm](#) - Led by Kirk Breukink

## CHURCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

We recently introduced a new program that Third is participating in with Pine Rest, The Church Assistance Program (CAP). Each one of us now has access to many services offered by Pine Rest, including 3 free counseling visits, elder care consultation, real estate consultation, and 100s of webinars on topics related to mental health and wellness. It is all confidential and between only you and the folks at Pine Rest. If you would like to learn more about the amazing benefits we all now have access to, click the link below and follow the step-by-step instructions for the CAP Orientation Video.

[Click this Link to Learn More about CAP](#) and then from the top left-hand corner of the screen, where it says "This content is for EAP, CAP, and SAP Client members only," select **Log In**. Then enter **EAP-client** for **BOTH** the username and password as they are case sensitive.

If you have any questions about the program or how to access the Orientation Video, please contact Lisa in the office during business hours or call Brandon Slomp @ 616.450.5445. You can also pick up some information today at the Connection Center.



### **KIDS HOPE/KENT HILLS ELEMENTARY – TEACHER CONFERENCE MEAL**

One of the ways we can support Kent Hills Elementary is by providing a meal on 1 of the days they have parent teacher conferences. I would like to provide soup, salad, bread and dessert for approximately 30 staff members. Please click the link below to sign up if you are able to provide one of these items. If you cannot get the food to the school, I will work with you to pick it up (either at the church or your home). Thank you for your support of Kent Hills.

-Tammy Schollaart

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4CA4A82BA02-51627015-meal>

### **NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

- **Food Pantry** - October is on our doorstep, and it is now time for us to collect **salad dressings**. Thank you to everyone who donated cereal this month of September. We collected many boxes, which Bill Davidson packed up and dropped off at the Pantry on Thursday. Thank you, Bill. Please drop off your donation on the table in the “gathering space” or space by the church mailboxes. You may also make a monetary donation, which can be put in the white mailbox on the food donation table.
- **Supper House** – Our next opportunity to serve at Supper House is Tuesday, October 15. We will be serving the guests drinks and dinner – restaurant style and engaging in great conversation as we get to know one another. Supper House is located at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church on Carrier St. Please be there by 4:45pm. Sign up at the Connection Center if you plan to volunteer or by clicking the link below. Contact Keith Boeve @ 616.560.9429 if you have any questions.

[Click here to sign up to serve at Supper House on 10-15-24](#)



2024

Oct 2	Chuck VanderMeulen	Oct 17	Maren Morris
Oct 4	Henry Inhulsen	Oct 17	Theo Morris
Oct 5	Averi Slomp	Oct 18	Andy Wicks
Oct 6	Jane Bolhouse	Oct 19	Lisa Kuiper
Oct 6	Tiffany Van Dam	Oct 19	Tina Montalbano
Oct 9	Annika Wicks	Oct 20	Marc Coleman
Oct 11	Tilahun Swiftney	Oct 23	Ben Vega
Oct 13	Mike VandeBogert	Oct 25	Susan Lockwood
Oct 14	Lauren De Looff	Oct 27	Rylan Kelly



October 1	Marc and Brandy Coleman
October 5	Jim and Brenda Bodwin
October 5	Jim and Mary De Korte
October 9	Ron and Deb Roden
October 10	Todd and Mary Tjoelker
October 27	Jason and Windy Schnelker



# Third Reformed Church

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

## **YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY**

### **ELDERS**

Kirk Breukink, Vice President  
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Len De Braber  
Walt Lockwood  
Dawn Muller  
Windy Schnelker  
Barb Teitsma

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