

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 13, 2024 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

Chorale from Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

New every morning is God's love for us.

**New every day is our opportunity to practice gratitude for what we have,
to seek ways to heal the world
and to draw closer to our Creator.**

So, let us worship God.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Come, All You People

Alexander Gondo

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places.

We put our trust in material things.

We worry about things we cannot change.

We wonder if you are even there at all.

For all the times we have doubted you,

Lord, forgive us.

For all the ways we have neglected your word

and ignored your people, forgive us.

Do not be far from us, Lord.

Help us put our trust in you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.

There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.

God will not forsake you or leave you.

Turn to the Lord with confidence

and put your faith in God's great mercy.

By the power of Jesus Christ,

we are made whole.

Friends, believe the good news,

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

William Bradbury

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Mark 10:17-31 (NT pg. 40)

MESSAGE

Who Can Be Saved?

Rev. Marlin Vis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 594

Like a River Glorious

WYE VALLEY

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Bless and Keep You Forever

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Anna Laura 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

The Rev. Marlin Vis

The Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Elder Melissa VanderLeek, prayer

Pam Lockwood, Director of Music

Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins

Praise Team

Walt Lockwood, sound technician

AJ Arechiga, projectionist/livestream technician

Lois Ripma, organist

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

John and Lori Gebhart, Becky Gebhart -Greeters

Len and Dianne DeBraber - Coffee and Cookies

NEXT WEEK (October 20)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Dave and Deb Ames, Reggie Turner

Coffee and Cookies:

Karen Dean and Edy Borgondy

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

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 Bill and Barb Hamlin 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 5th 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 (2nd Hour) will meet today from 11:30 am – 12:15pm.

Today we welcome Josh Vis, the Church Engagement Facilitator for Israel and Palestine for the Reformed Church in America. He will add to our previous discussions of the present situation in Israel/Palestine. (Next week, October 20, we will learn about and discuss the mission of Forgotten Man Ministries.)

FALL SCHEDULE OF GUEST PASTORS

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

- Happy birthday to Mike VandeBogert. It's his birthday today! Mike is husband to Kim and brother-in-law to Walt and Pam Lockwood.
- "Thank you for the prayers along with the many cards and expressions of condolence we received in the recent passing of my mom. It is another reminder of the kind and loving church community we are blessed to be a part of." -Ron and Tammy Schollaart
- All Saints Day is Sunday, November 3. On this Sunday, a candle will be lit on the communion table during worship in honor and memory of each one of our members who is now a "Saint Who Has Gone Before Us." As this one-year date approaches, please pray for the friends and families of: Maxine De Loeff, Bonnie Kovacs, Jack Verbrugge, Ruth De Vries, Roger Ritsema, Kathy Siekman and Leon Siekman.
- Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, Len Nagel, Virginia Schollaart, Dee Scully, 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, or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 13	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	9-12 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
October 14		
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
October 15	Classis Executive Committee Meeting	11:30 AM
	Third to Serve at Supper House (St. Alphonsus Parish)	4:45 – 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
October 16	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	11:00 AM
	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Wednesday Night Meal – "A Bahama Party"	6:00 PM
	On the Menu: Jamaican Jerk Chicken (spicy and sweet), Pineapple Salsa and Chips, Homemade Coleslaw, Dessert	
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
October 17	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
FRIDAY	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	11:00 AM
October 18		
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 20	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	7-8 th Grade Youth Group - Lunch Gathering and Outing	11:30 AM
	9-12 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY

- **Food Pantry** – This month we are collecting **salad dressings** for The Pantry. 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. (Next month we will be collecting **crackers**.)
- **Supper House** – We will be serving the guests of Supper House dinner this Tuesday, October 15. Our next opportunity to serve at Supper House is Tuesday, October 15. Supper House is located at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church on Carrier St. Please be there by 4:45pm. Sign up today at the Connection Center if you plan to volunteer or simply click 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](#)
- **Christmas Dinner at Supper House** – Per tradition, we will be serving Christmas dinner at Supper House on Tuesday, December 17. We will also be collecting unwrapped gift donations for this event starting in early November. This is one of our most enjoyable and rewarding outreach events as a church.

LOCKING DOORS

- **During the week** Third is a busy place. It is for this reason we need your due diligence in locking doors. If you are the last to leave, please make sure to check doors. If you have more than one key or do not use the key you have, please return it at the church office. Thank you.
- **During Sunday worship** all of the front doors leading out to the lawn and the double doors to the children’s wing on the southeast side of the building are locked by Bill Davidson at 10:15 am after the start of worship. The double doors on the southwest side (in the area of the church mailboxes) remain unlocked during the entire service and are monitored by Bill Davidson or our worship servants in the sound booth.



November 3 – Potluck following worship

November 6 – Young at Heart Gathering at 12 pm

November 20 – Chili Cook-off at 6 pm

November 24 – “Youth Sunday” Worship Service at 10 am

December 1 – Advent Breakfast 8:30 – 9:45 am

December 4 – Young at Heart Gathering at 12 pm

December 8 – Christmas Tree Lighting and Hot Cocoa Event at 5:30 pm (Outdoors)

December 18 – Christmas Dinner and Caroling at 6 pm

December 22 – “Family Christmas” Worship Service at 10 am

December 24 – “Christmas Eve Candlelight” Worship Service at 8 pm



Third Reformed Church

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

YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY

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