

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 20, 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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Don Wyrzten

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is a gift from God;

and day to reflect, to offer thanks, to seek the good.

This time is a pause from the fever of life;

a time to be with one another, knit into community by God.

So let us sing and listen and pray and feast.

And let us worship God.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News:

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia!

Amen.

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

Worship and Praise

Sharon Rogers

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Primary Text: Mark 10:35-45

Other Texts: Hebrews 5:1-10, Isaiah 53:4-12

MESSAGE

Title: *Greatness and Weakness in the Kingdom of God*

The Rev. Nathan DeWard

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 551 *Give Me Jesus* GIVE ME JESUS

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Benediction* Matt Redman

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *Higher Ground* Charles Gabriel

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. Nathan DeWard
The Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Jennifer Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries
Handbell Choir under the direction of Pam Lockwood
Praise Team
Walt Lockwood, sound technician
AJ Arechiga, projectionist/livestream technician

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

Dave and Deb Ames, Reggie Turner - Greeters

Edy Borgondy (Another Volunteer Needed) - Coffee and Cookies

NEXT WEEK (October 27)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Chuck and Karen Vander Meulen, Gussie Farris

Coffee and Cookies:

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

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 Windy and Abby Schnelker 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).

- This month of October, we are talking about trusting God no matter what; and having self-control by choosing to do what's best even when we don't want to. The bottom line is to be ready to do the right thing, and trust in God! Last week's story was about Jesus being tempted in the wilderness. Temptation is a desire to do something wrong or unwise. Everybody faces temptation, even Jesus! But when you trust in God, and He is on your side, there is a way out! This week's lesson comes from the book of Proverbs and will teach us to choose our words carefully!
- Parents, be sure to review the 4-day devotionals that go along with the weekly lesson to keep the lesson alive throughout the week! It's so important to engage in these moments that are rooted in pointing our days to God! "God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life." 2 Peter 1:3a (NIRV)

CHILDREN'S 2nd HOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Following Children's Worship, we will transition into 2nd Hour Sunday School. In 2nd Hour, we will have music/choir with Mrs. Pam and finish the morning with an activity and/or craft. A few times this semester the high school youth will lead us in an activity.

*If your child(ren) will join us for the entire morning, please leave them in their classrooms until 2nd Hour concludes. We will make sure they get from Children's Worship to 2nd Hour, have bathroom breaks and a snack. We will be having a snack from 11:15 - 11:30 am in the classrooms. If your child(ren) will not be staying for 2nd Hour, you may pick them up from their classrooms at 11:15 am, or 11:30 am if you'd like them to stay for a snack. If you have any questions, please let Jennifer Kelly know.

FAITH FORUM (2nd HOUR) ADULT EDUCATION

Join us at 11:30 am in the youth room. Today we welcome the Rev. Nathan DeWard, Executive Director of Forgotten Man Ministries. Rev. DeWard will discuss the mission of Forgotten Man Ministries, a non-denominational, charitable organization with a mission to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to inmates. We will conclude at 12:15 pm.

FALL SCHEDULE OF GUEST PASTORS

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

- If you see Marc Coleman this morning, be sure to wish him a happy birthday! It's Today!
- 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 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.

Who doesn't love a church potluck? We are having a potluck here on Sunday, November 3 following worship. [Click here to let us know what you plan to bring.](#)

You can also let us know at the Connection Center.

Plan to stay for the potluck even if you aren't able to bring something. God always provides and there is always plenty!

Plan to learn some trivia, sing some hymns and pray.



YOUNG AT HEART – LET’S TALK TURKEY!

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 @ 12pm

Our NOVEMBER luncheon is on Wednesday, November 6 at 12 pm in the lounge. Are you thinking that turkey will be on the menu? You'd be wrong. Chef Bryan Hageman is going to surprise us with a very special meal (because it's his birthday that very day, he states). The "Turkey" comes in via Pastor Olivia. About 10 years ago, she and her grandmother took an "Archaeological Tour of the 7 Cities in Revelation." She is going to share that experience with us and show and teach us some wonderful things about Turkey (Ephesus)! Please let us know if you plan to come by signing up at the Connection Center or by [Clicking this link](#).

WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS

We had a wonderful Bahama themed party this past week with the most delicious dinner! If you didn't make it, you missed out. Thank you to everyone who put time and effort into making our connection with Pastor Jeffrey's sabbatical such a great evening!

You do not want to miss the next Connections as we look forward to our annual "**Chili Cook-Off**" on Wednesday, **November 20** at 6 pm.

Dig out your favorite chili recipe to make for a light competition.

There will be prizes for the top 3 chilis!

Please let us know if you plan to bring a chili and/or dessert by [Clicking this link](#) or by signing up at the Connection Center.

This will be an awesome gathering of fall fun, fellowship and food!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	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
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
October 21		
TUESDAY	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop	9:30 AM
October 22	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Consistory Meeting	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
October 23	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
October 24	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 27	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	9-12 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM



KIDS HOPE UPDATE

- We have 8 kiddos ready to be matched with a Mentor and Prayer Partner! We are excited to begin these new relationships!
- Kent Hills has asked for donations of gently used clothes for students who may need a change of clothes during the school day. They are asking for pants and shirts, primarily sweatpants (pull on type) and t-shirts (easy to pull on). They are in need of all sizes (kids XS to XL and maybe some men's small). If you have any of these items that are ready for a new home, please let Tammy Schollaart know. Ask your family, friends and neighbors!

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** – Paul Boelkins, Keith and Paula Boeve, Edy Borgondy, Bill Davidson, Mark Dietrich and Brandon Slomp helped serve the guests of Supper House this past Tuesday. Thank you! “Well done, good and faithful servant!” -Matthew 25:23 (NIV)
- **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.



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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