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# The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 27, 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

*The Church's One Foundation  
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Kevin Hildebrand  
Robert A. Hobby

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We see light, hope and joy.

**We bring heart, soul, mind and body.**

We share blessings and fears.

**We bring faith and doubt.**

With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 40

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

LLANFAIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we come before You in humility,  
for we do not live as we ought.  
We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.  
So, we pray in all humility  
that You will change our hearts and minds,  
that You will show us again how to love others the way You love us,  
that You will put power and courage in our hearts to do Your will.  
This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!  
Alleluia! Amen.**

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*Have Mercy*

Sandra McCracken

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

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

1 Samuel 17 – Selected Verses  
John 20:1-10

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **60**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

*The Blessing*

Kari Jobe Carnes

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

*Toccata on “How Firm a Foundation”*

Claude Murphree

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. Richard Welscott  
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  
Pat Burgess, organist*

## THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

Chuck and Karen Vander Meulen, Gussie Farris - Greeters

Dan Blauw and Nancy Zwart - Coffee and Cookies

### NEXT WEEK (November 3)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Len and Dianne De Braber, The Wilford Family

Liturgist:

Reid Morris

Coffee and Cookies:

Volunteers Needed

### UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

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 Tammy Schollaart for caring for 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).

- 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 to help you! Last week's story was from Proverbs 12:18, about choosing our words carefully and thinking before we speak. Words matter because they have the power to hurt or to heal. We want to make sure to use our words to encourage and build up others! This week's lesson comes from 1 Samuel 24 and will teach us to think before we act.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Following Children's Worship, we will transition into 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Sunday School. In 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour concludes. We will make sure they get from Children's Worship to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, let Jen Kelly know.

## **FAITH FORUM (2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR) ADULT EDUCATION – Meets 11:30 am – 12:15 pm**

Join Pam Lockwood and the children in the lounge today for some fun singing! We will be singing children’s songs and hymns. Come and learn about what the children do during 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour and learn some interesting things about hymns.

## **FALL SCHEDULE OF GUEST PASTORS**

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 Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, Len Nagel, Virginia Schollaart, Dee Scully, Sandy Swan and Joan Vila.



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.

## **PRAYER POTLUCK**

Next Sunday (November 3) we gain an hour due to daylight saving time! We are all sure to be extra hungry when the service concludes. Plan to stay for a “prayer” potluck. The entrée will be provided by Paige Hendrickson. Thank you, Paige! Please consider bringing a side or dessert to share, but this is certainly not a requirement. After we eat, we will join churches all over the country to pray for one another and our country. Click the link below or sign up at the Connection Center to let us know if you plan to stay next Sunday. We hope everyone will take advantage of this time set aside to eat and laugh together, to encourage one another and to pray together!

[Click here to let us know if you plan to come next Sunday.](#)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 27	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	9-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
October 29		10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
October 30	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
October 31		
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
November 3	Children's Worship Offered	
<b>Daylight Savings</b>	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
	Church Potluck Following Worship	



### 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



It's time for our annual chili cook-off - **Wednesday, November 20 at 6 pm.** This has become a favorite Third tradition - one you don't want to miss! Dust off your famous family chili recipe or make a new one which some of us do each year. There will be a small and fun competition for the favorite chili of the night, with prizes for the top 3! 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. Or, just come and enjoy and eat!

## 7/8<sup>th</sup> GRADE YOUTH GROUP

We had an awesome time at the apple orchard and corn maze last Sunday! The fall weather couldn't have been more perfect as we enjoyed all of the activities that Schwallier's Country Basket had to offer. This has become a tradition that we cannot break (according to the youth!). It truly makes my heart happy to lead such a fun group of students who have really connected over the years and become friends. Please pray with me that they continue to grow in relationship with each other and support each other in their relationship and faith walk with Jesus! -Jen Kelly

Here are the remaining dates for Youth Group this calendar year: November 10, \*17; December 8 (Tree Lighting & Cocoa Bar), 15 (Christmas Party). We meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

\*Note the date change for November, and one of those dates in November will be a service project.







## 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!



- **Food Pantry** – Next Friday is November 1<sup>st</sup>, which means it is now time for us to collect **crackers**. This month of October we collected 62+ bottles of salad dressings for The Pantry. Thank you, Third! 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.
- **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.



## November 2024

### Happy Birthday!

Nov 1	Paul Boelkins	Nov 17	Mara De Looff
Nov 1	Emma Christy	Nov 17	Willem Robertson
Nov 3	Mimi Tjoelker	Nov 17	Karen VandenBos
Nov 4	Barb Hamlin	Nov 18	Noah Breukink
Nov 5	Emily Wilford	Nov 21	Mark Dietrich
Nov 6	Bryan Hageman	Nov 22	Sydney Muller
Nov 7	John Gebhart	Nov 25	Kirk Breukink
Nov 7	Kathie Van Hoven	Nov 27	Barb Teitsma
Nov 10	Reid Morris	Nov 29	Amy Kent
Nov 10	Mary Welscott	Nov 29	Charlotte VanProoyen
Nov 11	Josey Vega		
Nov 13	Lynnore Robrahn		

### Happy Anniversary



November 4	Gary and Micky van Til
November 6	Dan and Laura Blauw
November 6	Kirk and Amy Breukink



# 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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Walt Lockwood  
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Windy Schnelker  
Barb Teitsma

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