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**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
The Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan  
October 6, 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

*Brother James' Air*

Michael Burkhardt

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

**We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.**

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

**a time to remember those we love and the holy promises of God.**

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

**the table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.**

Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

arr. Fernando Ortega

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are so scattered, O God.  
We flit from cause to cause.  
We are easily distracted by the next important thing.  
We think about yesterday and tomorrow but not today.  
Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now.  
Help us commit to the need that is before us right now.  
Help us to think deeply and respond generously,  
as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers in Christ, 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*

CHORAL ANTHEM

*A Jubilant Song*

Joseph Martin

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Mark 10:2-16 (NT pg. 40)

MESSAGE

*Tough Stuff from Jesus on Marriage*

The Rev. Marlin Vis

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

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 772

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

FOR THE BREAD

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!**

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      *Soon and Very Soon*      Andrae Crouch

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*  
*Ingrid Baird, liturgist*  
*Jen Kelly, Director of Children's Ministries*  
*Pam Lockwood, Director of Music*  
*Adult Choir under the Direction of Paul Boelkins*  
*Praise Team*  
*Brock Shoemaker, sound technician*  
*Ben Wicks, projection/livestream technician*

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

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

Bob and Ingrid Baird, Bill Dykstra -Greeters

Laura Blauw and Edy Borgondy - Coffee and Cookies

### **NEXT WEEK (October 13)**

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

John and Lori Gebhart, Becky Gebhart

Coffee and Cookies:

Len and Dianne DeBraber

### **UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

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. [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 back the Rev. Marlin Vis to our Faith Forum group. He will continue his discussion of the present situation in Israel/Palestine. Next week we will hear from Josh Vis who will also speak on the present situation in Israel/Palestine.

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

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

## WHY IS THERE A ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE THIS MORNING?

It is our tradition here at Third to place a single white rose on the communion table the Sunday after one of our members passes away. The rose you see today is in celebration of the life and resurrection of **Leon Siekman**. Leon met Jesus face to face on September 29 and is now one of the saints who has gone before us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Siekman family. Leon's life was celebrated on Friday (October 4) at the chapel of Raybrook. Steve and Judy Siekman's address: 2391 Cascade Lakes Cir, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- 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](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 Jane Bolhouse's birthday and Tiffany Van Dam's birthday!  
Be sure to wish them both a very blessed and happy birthday if you see them!

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

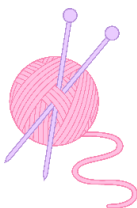
Psalm 118:24

## 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).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	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	6:00 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
October 7		
TUESDAY	Craft/Quilt Group Workshop	9:30 AM
October 8	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Elder Meeting	6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
October 9	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
October 10	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
October 13	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	8-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM



### CRAFT/QUILT GROUP WORKSHOP

Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, quilting, etc. Pack up whatever you are working on at home and come join us this Tuesday, October 8 from 9:30 am – 12 pm in the drama room. Can't make it on Tuesday? This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.





### **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 for approximately 30 staff members. Please click the link below to sign up if you are able to provide a soup. If you cannot get it to the school, I would be happy to pick it up and bring it. Thank you for your support of Kent Hills.

-Tammy Schollaart

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA4A82BA02-51627015-meal>

### **NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY**

- **Food Pantry** - October is here, and we are now 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.
- **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](#)



# 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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