

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan
November 10, 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

In honor of Marge Beukema

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
Above All

The Lord's My Shepherd
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Amazing Grace
It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Tedd Smith
arr. Larry Moore
arr. Tedd Smith
arr. Carol Klose
arr. Bryce Inman
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LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God sends light to us this day
and invites us to meet one another in this light.
Light breaks forth like the dawn,
drawing us into relationship with one another.
Humble yourselves for the worship of God,
that you may be empowered to serve.
God calls us to trust with steady hearts
and to serve with righteous compassion.
Seek not for lofty words of wisdom
but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.
God makes us to be the salt of the earth
and lights to show His works to the world.
Let us Worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we are weary, O God, give us bread for the journey.
When we are complacent, O God, set a fire in our bellies.
When we are frightened, O God, put courage in our hearts and hands.
When we are angry, O God, turn our anger into faithful response.
When we are bewildered, O God, help us to see and follow You.
When we stray, turn us around.
When we fail, give us another chance.
When we sin, forgive us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.
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

Be Unto Your Name

Sadler and DeShazo

*We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the Ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high*

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name*

*We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God almighty
Be unto your name.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Mark 12:38-44 (NT pg. 43)

MESSAGE

Jesus' Invitation: Speaking Truth to Power
Rev. Anne Troost (formerly Elzinga)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Breathe

Marie Barnett

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **708** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE *Toccatà on "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* Michael Burkhardt

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. Anne Troost (formerly Elzinga)
the Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Elder Dawn Muller
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

Chris and Leslie Muller, Steve and Lisa Roskiewicz - Greeters

Len and Dianne De Braber - Coffee and Cookies

NEXT WEEK (November 17)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Ted and Nancy Zwart, Millie Noordyke

Coffee and Cookies:

Edy Borgondy, Volunteer Needed

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

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

January 5

Keith and Paula Boeve, Dave and Paige Hendrickson

January 12

Gary Graeff and Kim Krause

Beverly, Lucas and Ivy Haycraft

January 19

The Debowski Family, Steve and Marge Kemink

January 26

Bob and Ingrid Baird, Bill Dykstra

***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



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 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 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).

- For the month of November, we are focusing on two words – *Gratitude* and *Generosity*. "Every good and perfect gift is from God." James 1:17a. We are learning how to look for and practice gratitude for our blessings, and then share our blessings by being generous with others.
- Parents, be sure to review the take-home sheets / devotionals that go along with the weekly lesson to keep the lesson alive throughout the week. It's 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)

FAITH FORUM (2nd HOUR) ADULT EDUCATION

The Rev. Anne Troost (formerly Elzinga) will share her faith story with us today in the youth room. We will begin at 11:30 am and conclude at 12:15 pm.

Next Sunday (November 17) Pastor David Wygmans will lead Faith Forum. He writes, "We live in highly anxious times in a world where there is plenty to be concerned about. Come think together about how we might best think clearly and function well as a community called to spread peace, joy, and love in our homes, our communities, and our world."

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, Len Nagel, Virginia Schollaart, Dee Scully, Sandy Swan, Char Van Slooten (Paula Boeve’s mother), 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.

CHURCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

In September we introduced a new program that Third is participating in with Pine Rest, The Church Assistance Program (CAP). Each one of us (and everyone living in the home) 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. To learn more about the amazing benefits we all 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 would like to make an appointment with Pine Rest, call 1.800.442.0809 (press 1 and follow the prompts). Please remember to say, “I have a CAP with Third Reformed Church.” A licensed counselor will return your call within 60 minutes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
November 10	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	7/8 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
	9/12 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
November 11		
TUESDAY	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
November 12	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Elder Meeting	6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
November 13	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
November 14	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
November 17	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School	11:30 AM
	7/8 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
	9/12 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

During worship next Sunday we will welcome our new members:

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WEDNESDAY CONNECTIONS



Our annual chili cook-off is on **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 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!

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Sunday, December 1

8:30 – 9:45 am – Advent Breakfast

Our Community Life Team, led by Laura Blauw, will be making and serving breakfast. Be sure to come and enjoy a nice hot breakfast before worship.

Sunday, December 8

5:30 – 7 pm - Christmas Tree Lighting and Hot Cocoa

Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn to bring light to the corner of Michigan Street and Lakeside! You will have the opportunity to create homemade ornaments that morning during 2nd Hour and we will hang them on the tree, and sing a carol or two! There will also be hot cocoa served by the middle school youth group with lots of fun toppings!

Wednesday, December 18

6 – 7:30 pm – Christmas Dinner

Join us for the last “Wednesday Night Connections” of 2024! We will have a Christmas ham dinner with a yummy dessert followed by Christmas caroling.

Sunday, December 22

10 – 11 am – Christmas Family Service

Following Worship - Christmas Cookie Sunday

It is our tradition here at Third to share and enjoy our homemade Christmas goodies during fellowship time following worship.

Tuesday, December 24

8 – 9 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



- **Food Pantry** – This month of November we are collecting **crackers**. 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 **shampoo**.)
- **Christmas Dinner at Supper House** – Per tradition, we will be serving Christmas dinner at Supper House on Tuesday, December 17. Next Sunday (November 17) we will start collecting unwrapped gift donations for this event. This is one of our most enjoyable and rewarding outreach events as a church.

If you would like to get a head start, here are a few gift ideas:

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| Blankets | “Bag” Lawn Chairs |
| Pillows | Gas/Grocery Store Gift Cards (\$10-\$25 |
| Sleeping Bags | Small Oscillating Fans |
| Backpacks | Lotion, Bath Sets, Body Wash, etc. |
| Flashlights | Towels |
| Pots or Pans | Duffel Bags |
| Puzzles | Small Stuffed Animals |
| Inspirational Books | Small Toys, Books, Coloring Books |
| Insulated Mugs | Dolls |
| Carry-on Size Rolling Luggage | Art Supplies for Children & Adults |
| Candles | |



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

YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY

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