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## Youth Sunday

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

November 24, 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


*Primavera*

Ludovico Einaudi

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*This Is The Day*

 SONG

*Days of Elijah*

Robin Mark

CONFESSION – Corena Willink

**Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others who seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE - Enna Wainer

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The Good Shepherd knows the sheep, and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep so that the sheep may live. We are part of the flock, we are part of Christ's body. In Christ we find wholeness and restoration. Go forth and share this Good News. Amen.

 PASSING OF THE PEACE – Josie Breukink

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – Skit

Lucas Bruno, Ava Coleman, Kelton Hoover, Jayden Kortenhoven, Asher Petersen, Ben VanderLeek, Jordan Wilford

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**


SCRIPTURE

John 10:1-18 – Micah Rizkalla  
Psalm 23 – Cece Staggs

REFLECTION

Abby Schnelker  
Grace Kent


**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

 SONG

*Reckless Love*

Cory Asbury

SPECIAL OFFERING – Asher Petersen

 Doxology **808**

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER – Ava Coleman

☒ SONG **632**

*The Lord's Prayer*

MALOTTE

☒ SONG

*Trading My Sorrows*

Darrell Evans

☒ BLESSING – Abby Schnelker and Grace Kent

☒ POSTLUDE

*Trading My Sorrows*

Darrell Evans

Youth who helped with props/setup/background:

Diego Barnaby, Joshua Kortenhoven, Cadence Sharda, Nik Williams

*The children will not be dismissed this morning to worship in their own space.  
Children's Worship will resume on December 1.*

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

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

Middle School Youth - Greeters

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart – Coffee and Cookies

### **NEXT WEEK (December 1)**

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

The VanderLeek Family, Bruce and Susie Neckers

Coffee and Cookies:

Advent Breakfast

### **UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

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 Anna Wicks for caring for our little ones this morning.

[Click here to sign up to help on a future Sunday](#)

## **WE LOVE TO SEE YOU SMILE!**

Help us make Breeze even better by adding or updating your picture or your family's picture. If you are not familiar, Breeze is our church management software, which is private and accessible to members only. It is the "church directory of our time." If you are not a Breeze user and would like to be, contact Lisa Roskiewicz in the church office to get started. If you are a Breeze user and have given it a good look lately, you will find that the pictures are either blank or slightly outdated. In December, we will be adding and updating pictures in Breeze. Ron and Tammy Schollaart will be available on Sunday, December 1 during the Advent breakfast and following worship to take pictures, as well as on Sunday, December 8 following worship. If you are not going to be here but would like your picture or your family's picture added or updated, please email Lisa in the office a recent picture.

## **FROM THE DEACONS**

Thank you for your contributions during the month of October. General Fund giving is behind plan by \$63,133.59 for the first ten months of the year. The Deacons are requesting that you please consider a Thanksgiving or year-end gift to the general fund to help close the financial gap.

The third quarter giving statements have been distributed. Please contact Karen Vander Meulen at [vandermeulen@comcast.net](mailto:vandermeulen@comcast.net) or 616.364.5626 with any corrections.

	October	October YTD
General Fund – Actual	\$31,193.83	\$312,546.41
General Fund – Budget	37,568.00	375,680.00
% of GF Budget	83.0%	83.2%
Benevolent Fund	\$980.00	\$3,080.00
Memorial	1,214.00	8,885.00
Other	105.04	22,439.04

## FROM THE PROPERTY TEAM

The convection oven in the kitchen has been serviced and fixed. Please be sure to wait 3 minutes after you turn the oven on before checking it for heat or if it is working. Please do not kick, hit or shake it. It has a built in delay feature and does in fact work and will get warm if you are patient. Please also make sure the switch is on the "Cooking Position." Thank you!

## 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](mailto:psvsboo@aol.com), or call the church office. Prayer requests are sent out by Paula and received by you via email.



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.

## 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.

## **DAILY DEVOTIONAL FOR ADVENT**

Advent is Sunday, December 1 through Tuesday, December 24. Are you looking for a daily devotional to use during this season of preparation? Consider “The Weary World Rejoices – A Daily Advent Devotional” by Kate Bowler. This devotional is wonderfully written and can be used on your own or with your family. It includes readings from different modern writers and has links to Ms. Bowler’s conversations with people like Parker Palmer and Anne Lamott.

You can find a paper copy in the Connection Center, or you can find it online by clicking here:

[https://katebowler.com/seasonal\\_devotional/the-weary-world-rejoices/#guides](https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-weary-world-rejoices/#guides)

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS**

### **Chili Cook-Off Results**

I am so grateful to our Third community for showing up and bringing chili and joining in fellowship this past Wednesday night. We had an amazing turnout and the most chilis EVER for our annual Chili Cook-Off. What a wonderful and fun night together! Out of 21 total chilis, the winners in a 3-way tie are: Bryan Hageman, Emily Wilford and Lucas Haycraft, and an honorable mention goes to Bill Davidson! Congratulations to all! After last night’s fun, I can’t wait for our next community connections on Wednesday, December 18 at 6 pm for a traditional Christmas dinner and caroling together around the piano. See you then! Thankful; Jen Kelly



### **ADVENT BREAKFAST**

Our Community Life team will be making and serving breakfast next Sunday, December 1 from 8:30 – 9:45 am.

Be sure to come and enjoy a nice hot breakfast before worship on this First Sunday of Advent!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

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TODAY November 24	Worship Service – “Youth Sunday” 9/12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group	10:00 AM 5:30 PM
MONDAY November 25	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
TUESDAY November 26	Staff Meeting Worship Planning Meeting Consistory Meeting	10:30 AM 11:30 AM 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY November 27	Women’s Bible Study Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes Choir Rehearsal	9:30 AM 12:30 PM 6:30 PM
THURSDAY November 28	Have a blessed Thanksgiving!	
FRIDAY November 29	Office Closed	
SUNDAY December 1	Advent Breakfast Worship Service Celebration of the Lord’s Supper	8:30 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM

### YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 4, 2024 @ 12 PM



Please sign up in the Connection Center or by clicking the link below:

[Click here to sign up for the luncheon](#)



## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (indoor event).

### 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

**CHRISTMAS CARD MINISTRY:** Please consider blessing some of our members with a Christmas card and handwritten note. The gift bags to be filled with cards will be on the table in the narthex next week, where they will be until Sunday, December 15. Please remember:

Carl and Elleen Anderson  
Nancy Bloem  
Mary Boelkins  
John Datema  
Len Nagel

Virginia Schollaart  
Dee Scully  
Fred and Carol Slade  
Sandy Swan  
Kathie Van Hoven  
Joan Vila

If you know someone or think someone has been left off the list who would find joy from this ministry, please let one of our pastors know or call the church office.



## FOOD PANTRY

This month we have been collecting crackers for the Pantry. Thank you to all of you who have contributed. In December, which is only a week away, we will be collecting **shampoo**. 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 FOR NE SUPPER HOUSE

Our Third tradition of serving the Christmas dinner at Supper House is set for Tuesday, December 17. Supper House is in need of volunteers from 4:45 – 6:30 pm, as well as gifts. A gift is given to each guest at the dinner. This tradition has become something many who serve and who are served look forward to!

You can help in three ways i.e. **volunteer at the dinner** - click here to [Volunteer at the Dinner](#) or sign up at the Connection Center, **donate a new unwrapped gift for any age** (see list of ideas below), **donate money to Supper House**. Please put your unwrapped gift donations on the table in the hallway near the narthex. The “White NECM Box” for monetary donations is on the food collection table in the gathering space (near the church mailboxes). We will be collecting gifts here at Third until Sunday, December 17. 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                       |  |



## *December 2024*

<i>Dec 2</i>	<i>Reece Kelly</i>	<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>John Plantenga</i>
<i>Dec 4</i>	<i>John Datema</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Linda Karelse</i>
<i>Dec 7</i>	<i>Doug Besteman</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Jeff Plantenga</i>
<i>Dec 7</i>	<i>Dianne DeBraber</i>	<i>Dec 20</i>	<i>Brad De Looff</i>
<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Mary Cook</i>	<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Lexi Schnelker</i>
<i>Dec 11</i>	<i>Deb VanEssen</i>	<i>Dec 21</i>	<i>Sandy Swan</i>
<i>Dec 13</i>	<i>Lindsey Dawes</i>	<i>Dec 22</i>	<i>Kristin De Looff</i>
<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Dan Blauw</i>	<i>Dec 25</i>	<i>Linda Besteman</i>
<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Ellen Maddox</i>	<i>Dec 31</i>	<i>Jennifer Christy</i>



## *Happy Anniversary*

<i>December 3</i>	<i>Mike and Kim VandeBogert</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Rich and Linda Karelse</i>
<i>December 20</i>	<i>Dave and Lisa Howard</i>



# 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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