

The First Sunday after Christmas

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

December 29, 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 Dulci Jubilo: Four Faces of a Folksong


Eleanor Whitsett

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

Joy to the world!

The Lord has come!

Please rise in body or spirit as we sing his praise

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **161** *Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory,
your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem
into the darkness of human night.

**Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world
so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice
and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.**


ASSURANCE OF PARDON

 PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The people offer a sign of peace to one another

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **173** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

Psalm 148 (*OT pg. 546*)

MESSAGE

Every Last Corner

Reverend Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **174**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *All Glory Be To Christ*

TRANSITIONING THE LIGHT

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Festive Gloria

Aaron David Miller

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. Jeffrey Petersen, Senior Pastor
The Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Rob Teitsma, liturgist
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music
Walt Lockwood, sound technician
AJ Arechiga, Head of Technology
Pat Burgess, organist*

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Kirk Breukink, AM Coordinator

Dick and Mary Welscott - Greeters

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart – Coffee and Cookies

NEXT WEEK (January 5)

AM Coordinator:

Volunteer Needed

Greeters:

Keith and Paula Boeve, Dave and Paige Hendrickson

Liturgist:

Len De Braber

Coffee and Cookies:

Volunteers Needed

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

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

February 2

Bill and Barb Hamlin, Mark Dietrich

February 9

Ron and Deb Roden, Lisa and Henry Kuiper

February 16

The Schnelker Family

February 23

Brandon Slomp and Martha Garcia, David Wygmans

March 2

Tom and Marjean Dooley, Chad and Tiffany Van Dam

March 9

The Coleman Family

March 16

The Gebhart Family

March 23

Dave and Deb Ames, Reggie Turner

March 30

Chuck and Karen Vander Meulen, Gussie Farris

April 6

Joyce Bengelink, Millie Noordyke, Barb Struik

April 13

Ted and Nancy Zwart, Bruce and Susie Neckers

April 20

The De Korte Family

April 27

The Crow Family, Esther Woudenberg

May 4

Chris and Leslie Muller, Steve and Lisa Roskiewicz

May 11

The Teitsma Family

May 18

The Reid Morris Family

May 25

The Kent Family, Margo Taylor

***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. Our Children’s Ministry Director, Jen Kelly, and her daughter, Abby, will be caring for our little ones this morning. [Click here to sign up to help on a future Sunday](#)

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

There will be no children’s worship this morning or on January 5, 2025. Children’s worship will resume on Sunday, January 12.

FAITH FORUM AND CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL (2nd HOUR)

There will be no Faith Forum or Children’s Sunday School today, or on January 5 or 12. We will resume on January 19 when Bill Dykstra will share his faith story.

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.



Continue to Remember our Friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, Len Nagel, Virginia Schollaart, Dee Scully, Sandy Swan and Joan Vila.

CHURCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Third has partnered with Pine Rest in a church assistance program. 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.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

December and the year 2024 are almost behind us. Happy New Year! In January, we will be collecting **flour** for the Pantry. In December, we collected 50+ bottles of shampoo! Thank you, Third! Please drop off your donation of **flour** 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.



*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the LORD life up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

-Numbers 6:24-26

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

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| TODAY December 29 | Worship Service | 10:00 AM |
| MONDAY December 30 | Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes | 12:30 PM |
| TUESDAY December 31 | Worship Planning Meeting Church Office Closes at Noon | 10:30 AM |
| WEDNESDAY January 1 | Happy New Year! Church Office Closed | |
| THURSDAY January 2 | Take Charge Meeting (70x7) | 9:30 AM |
| SUNDAY January 5 | Worship Service Celebration of the Lord's Supper | 10:00 AM |

***Children's Worship Resumes on January 12, 2025**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Plan to attend the Congregational Meeting on January 12, 2025 following worship to discuss the 2025 church budget.



TRC ANNUAL SOUP LUNCHEON

Our annual soup luncheon is on Sunday, January 12, 2025, following worship and the congregational meeting. Let us know if you plan to come by signing up at the connection center or clicking this link: [Sign up for the Soup Luncheon](#). Please consider bringing a soup, bread and/or dessert to share, or just come ready to warm yourself with some hot soup. There is always enough for everyone!



January 2025

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| Jan 1 | Amy Breukink | Jan 16 | Henry Kuiper |
| Jan 5 | Ben VanderLeek | Jan 17 | Asher Petersen |
| Jan 10 | Alyssa Muller | Jan 17 | Steve Roskiewicz |
| Jan 10 | Jenna Muller | Jan 19 | Len Nagel |
| Jan 10 | Lindsey Muller | Jan 19 | Emily VanHeukelom |
| Jan 10 | Josh Wilford | Jan 20 | Beverly Katt-Haycraft |
| Jan 12 | Reggie Turner | Jan 20 | Ron Schollaart |
| Jan 13 | Caden Kelly | Jan 20 | Tammy Schollaart |
| Jan 13 | Tommy VanderLeek | Jan 27 | Nancy Bloem |
| Jan 14 | Karen VanderMeulen | Jan 28 | Anna Crow |
| Jan 15 | Sadie Kelly | Jan 31 | Jim De Korte |
| Jan 16 | Deb Ames | Jan 31 | Pam Lockwood |

*If you have a birthday or anniversary in January
and do not see your name here,
please call or email the church office
so we can document it.
We love to celebrate one another, so please don't be shy.*



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
Melissa VanderLeek, Clerk
Len De Braber
Walt Lockwood
Dawn Muller
Windy Schnelker
Barb Teitsma

DEACONS

Brandon Slomp, Assistant Treasurer
Marc Coleman, Chair of Deacons
Jason Crow
Ryan De Korte
Bill Hamlin
Karen Vander Meulen

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