
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
The Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan
February 2, 2025 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

Joy

arr. George Winston

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

All Around the World

Keith & Kristyn Getty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess
that most of our failures are a failure to love.
Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest commandment?"
And without hesitation he answered,
**"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind."**
But there are days, O God, when our hearts are divided,
our souls neglected, and our minds distracted and distant from you.
**Forgive us our failures and help us to know your love more deeply
so we might grow in our love for you in return.**

Jesus also answered that a second commandment was like it,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
But there are days, O God, when our neighbors are invisible to us,
or worse yet, looked down upon and neglected.
**Forgive us our failures and help us to know your love more deeply
so we might grow in our love for our neighbors in return.**
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

This Is My Father's World

English Melody

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

1 Corinthians 13 (*NT pg. 153*)

MESSAGE

The Inescapable Ethic

The Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE LORD'S TABLE

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

One Bread, One Body

John Foley

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)

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| ✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING | <i>Benediction</i> | Matt Redman |
| ✠ BENEDICTION | | |
| ✠ POSTLUDE | <i>New Hope Blues</i> | George Winston |

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
the Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
the Rev. Jen Petersen, liturgist
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music
Adult Choir under the Direction of Paul Boelkins
Praise Team
Brock Shoemaker, sound technician
AJ Arechiga, projectionist and livestream technician*

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

Bill and Barb Hamlin, Mark Dietrich - Greeters

Jim Vanden Bos – Coffee and Cookies

NEXT WEEK (February 9)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Deb Roden, Lisa and Henry Kuiper

Liturgist:

Ron Roden

Coffee and Cookies:

Jim Vanden Bos

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

February 16

The Schnelker Family

February 23

Brandon and Martha Slomp, 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.**

Join us for a time of fellowship following the worship service,
and for a cup of coffee or punch and a cookie or two.



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



FAITH FORUM (ADULT ED/2nd HOUR)

This morning Dick Welscott will join us and share some things he’s learned in retirement. Join us in the youth room at 11:30 am. (Listen for the bell to be rung at 11:30 am.) We will dismiss at 12:15 pm.

Next Sunday, February 9, Paige Hendrickson will share with us some “Wisdom from the Aging.”

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. Thank you, Bill and Barb Hamlin, for your faithfulness in and heart for caring for our little ones. [Click here to sign up to help on a future Sunday](#)



CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

All children, ages 4 years 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).

This month in Children’s Worship, we will be focusing on our uniqueness. Just as no two snowflakes are the same and all of our fingerprints are different, God has made us our own unique self! God made us. God know us. And God loves us. We will learn more about our unique selves and how we can make a difference in God’s world. Our memory verse is *how you made me as amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.* Psalm 139:14 NIRV

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.



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

THANK YOU

“Thank you to all for your prayers, well wishes, meals, and cards while I recover from knee surgery. The road is longer than I’d like but I’m getting better every day. The love and support from this community is truly remarkable! -Andy Wicks

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

After a midwinter break, the Women’s Bible Study is starting up again on February 5th. We’ll be exploring the gospel of John using a Study written by Max Lucado. Come and join us on the 5th at 9:30 am here at the church. Questions? Contact Becky Gebhart @ 616.644.5515.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
February 2	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School (2 nd Hour)	11:30 AM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
February 3		
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
February 4		
WEDNESDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
February 5	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Improv Class w/Brittany Devon	6:30 PM
	For more information about this class, speak with Pastor Olivia. All adults are welcome to join.	
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
February 6	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
February 9	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School (2 nd Hour)	11:30 AM
	7/8 th Grade Youth Group	5:30 PM
	High School Youth Group	5:30 PM



YOUNG AT HEART – LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP FOR OUR RETIREES

Join us on the following dates in the church lounge at 12 pm:

March 5, April 2, May 7

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS - DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP FOR US ALL

Also plan to join us on these Wednesday dates:

February 19 – “Love is in the Air”

March 5 - Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and Worship

March 19 – “Spring is Coming”

April 23 – “Easter – Renewal & Resurrection”

WEDNESDAY
Night

MORE UPCOMING DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO

April 13 – Palm Sunday breakfast and worship

April 19 – Community Easter Egg Hunt and Holy Pilgrimage

April 20 – Easter Sunday

May 11 – Mother’s Day

May 18 – Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 26 – Memorial Day

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Food Pantry – Welcome to February! We are now collecting **canned soup** for the Pantry. There is a table in the “gathering space” or space by the church mailboxes for donations. You may also make a monetary donation, which can be put in the white mailbox on the food donation table. Thanks to all of you who responded after our announcement about the need for more food for the Pantry, as the inventory is sparse at this time.

Supper House – Our next opportunity to serve at Supper House, which is located at St. Alphonsus Parish (224 Carrier St NE), is on Tuesday, February 18. We serve from 4:45 – 6:30 pm. Please sign up at Connection Center or by [clicking here](#) if you plan to come and help. It’s easy and no experience is necessary. If you have any questions, see or contact Keith Boeve @ 616.560.9429.



Third Reformed Church

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

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