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# The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

January 19, 2025 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

*O Day of Rest and Gladness  
Meditation on "O How I Love Jesus"*

Lowell Mason  
John Rasley

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .

**Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.**

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .

**Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.**

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .

**Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.**

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .

Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Brian Doerksen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of goodness and grace,

**we confess our need for your forgiveness.**

Your Spirit has given a variety of gifts.

**But sometimes we neglect them.**

We are quick to tend to our own desires.

**But sometimes we are slow to serve your purposes.**

Extend your grace and speak to us again

**so we can hear your call and use the gifts we have been given**

**for your glory and the healing of your world.**

**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

*Set the Sun Dancing!*

Helen Kemp

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NT pg. 152)

MESSAGE

*Common Cause, Common Good*

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

☒ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **115**      *Fairest Lord Jesus*      CRUSADER'S HYMN

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

☒ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING      *The Blessing*      Kari Jobe Carnes

☒ BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE      *Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide*      M. M. Wells

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*

*David Wygmans, liturgist*

*Pam Lockwood, Director of Music*

*Adult Choir under the Direction of Paul Boelkins*

*Praise Team*

*Ben Wicks, sound technician*

*AJ Arechiga, projectionist/livestream technician*

*Lois Ripma, organist*

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

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

Mike, Becky, Teddy and Josie Debowski, Steve and Marge Kemink - Greeters

Edy Borgondy and Tim Breukink – Coffee and Cookies

### **NEXT WEEK (January 26)**

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Steve and Lisa Roskiewicz, Bill Dykstra

Liturgist:

Amy Breukink

Coffee and Cookies:

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart

### **UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE**

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



## FAITH FORUM (ADULT ED/2<sup>nd</sup> HOUR)

This morning Bill Dykstra will share his faith story with us. Thank you, Bill. We will meet in the youth room from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm. (Listen for the bell to be rung at 11:30 am.)

Next week the Kent Hills Elementary Principal and the School Community Coordinator will join us to discuss KIDS HOPE USA and role in it.

## 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 Windy and Abby Schnelker 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 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).

This month in Children's Worship, we will focus on trusting in God in every season. Our monthly memory verse comes from Psalm 31:24: "Be strong, all you who put your hope in the Lord. Never give up."

## NEW VICE PRESIDENT

The Consistory has elected Len DeBraber to serve as our next Vice President of Consistory. While Len is newer to Third, he has served multiple times as VP in his previous church, as well as a term as Classis President. We're grateful for his experience, commitment and willingness to serve! Please pray for Len and Dianne as he steps into this role. We are grateful as well for Kirk Breukink who served an additional six months as VP to provide continuity through the sabbatical season. His time of service is now concluded.

## PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- Pray for our **7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group** and their leaders this week. They will be at Camp Geneva January 24-26 for a winter retreat. Rev. Patrick Bloemendaal, a youth leader in Zeeland and missionary with the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf, will be their speaker. Each day they will gather for a large group session. Each session will include games, worship and a scripture lesson, followed by small group time to reflect on the teaching.
- Continue to remember our friends – Nancy Bloem, Mary Boelkins, Len Nagel, Virginia Schollaart, Dee Scully, Sandy Swan and Joan Vila.
- Today is **Emily Van Heukelom's** birthday! Happy birthday, Emily!! If you see her, be sure to wish her a day filled with laughter and love.
- It is also **Len Nagel's** birthday today! We lift him up in prayer as he cannot be physically present with us for worship. If you are missing Len and would like to touch base with him via a card, phone call or visit, contact Judy @ 616.638.1128. Their address is: 140 Baynton Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- Thank you, church! The love offering collected for our family was an amazing reminder of the support and care you all extend. This church has exhibited commitment and generosity to the shared mission of Third. To go above and beyond with this expression of love is deeply appreciated! With grateful hearts, Jeffrey, Jen, Eli and Asher



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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
January 19	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School (2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour)	11:30 AM
	High School Youth Group	5:30 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
January 20		
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
January 21		
WEDNESDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
January 22	Wednesday Night Connections – "All Church Event" (This event consists of a meal and group activity.) On the Menu: Pasta bar (build your own), salad, garlic bread, fruit and dessert.	6:00 PM
	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
January 23	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
FRIDAY	7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Retreat at Camp Geneva	
January 24-26		
SATURDAY	High School Youth Lock-In	
January 25-26		
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
January 26	Children's Worship Offered	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School (2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour)	11:30 AM

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS - DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP FOR US ALL

A little winter humor to warm you up –  
What's a snowman's favorite condiment?  
Chilly sauce!

WEDNESDAY  
*Night*

You can also warm up this Wednesday evening, January 22, at our Connections dinner at 6 pm. Join us for a winter themed evening of fellowship, food and fun! On the menu: Pasta bar (build your own), salad, garlic bread, fruit and dessert. We hope to see you Wednesday!

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”



## 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

## NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY

**Food Pantry** – This month of January we are collecting **flour**. 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. (Next month we will be collecting canned soup.)

**Supper House** – Our next opportunity to serve at Supper House, which is located at St. Alphonsus Parish (224 Carrier St NE), is on 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.





January is National Mentoring Month, a time to celebrate mentoring and the positive effect it has on young lives, a time to raise awareness of the need for more mentors to fill the waiting list of children at our partner school, and a time of gratitude as we recognize the volunteers who make a difference in the lives of children in our community.

We are thankful for our mentors who continue to show up in new ways – teaching our students life lessons that go beyond classroom learning. And we are thankful for our prayer partners who take the needs of the relationships before the Lord.

Contact Tammy Schollaart to learn how you can be involved in our Kids Hope USA mentoring program at Kent Hills Elementary School.

Current Mentors and Prayer Partners:

Pam Lockwood - (Walt Lockwood)  
Laura Blauw - (Sandy Swan)  
Mark Dietrich - (Jim DeKorte)  
Ron Schollaart - (Brock Shoemaker)  
Jeffrey Petersen - (Nancy McIntyre)  
Ron Roden - (Jane Bolhouse)  
Bill Dykstra - (Mary Welscott)  
Brian Hageman - (Bernice Blauw)  
Dawn Muller - (Windy Schnelker)

We will be celebrating National Mentoring Month officially next Sunday (January 26) when we welcome the Kent Hills Elementary Principal and the School Community Coordinator (who has been facilitating the student matching.) They will be introduced during worship and then will join us during Faith Forum (2<sup>nd</sup> Hour).

## **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.



# Third Reformed Church

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

## **YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY**

### **ELDERS**

Len De Braber, Vice President  
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Walt Lockwood  
Dawn Muller  
Windy Schnelker  
Barb Teitsma

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