

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

January 26, 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

Fanfare on “Lauda Anima”

Robert Hughes

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

and drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

and be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

and be warmed by the fire of love.

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 43

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

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

Every Morning's Sun

Sue Ellen Page

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (NT pg. 153)

MESSAGE

Place We Go When We Compare

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown

KIDS HOPE UPDATE

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. John Carter

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

Amy Breukink, liturgist

Pam Lockwood, Director of Music

Adult Choir under the Direction of Paul Boelkins

Praise Team

Walt Lockwood, sound technician

AJ Arechiga, projectionist/livestream technician

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson - AM Coordinator

Steve and Lisa Roskiewicz, Bill Dykstra - Greeters

Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart – Coffee and Cookies

NEXT WEEK (February 2)

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	Bill and Barb Hamlin, Mark Dietrich
Liturgist:	Jen Petersen
Coffee and Cookies:	Jim and Karen Vanden Bos

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

February 9	Ron and Deb Roden, Lisa and Henry Kuiper
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.**

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



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



FAITH FORUM (ADULT ED/2nd HOUR)

This morning the Kent Hills Elementary School Principal and the School Community Coordinator join us to further discuss KIDS HOPE USA. 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 Sunday, February 2, Paige Hendrickson will give us a presentation titled “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. A great big thank you to Ron and Deb Roden 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 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).

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.

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 4th. We’ll be exploring the gospel of John using a Study written by Max Lucado. Come and join us on the 4th 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
January 26	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
January 27		
TUESDAY	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
January 28	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Consistory Meeting	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
January 29	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 30	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SUNDAY	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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS - DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP FOR US ALL

A little winter humor to warm you up –
What bites but doesn't have teeth? Frost!
What did the tree say after a long, cold winter? What a re-leaf!
Where does a polar bear keep his money? In a snow bank!

WEDNESDAY
Night

You can also warm up this Wednesday evening, January 29, 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 – January is quickly coming to a close. We have collected over 150 lb of flour this month. Thank you, Third! It is now time for us to collect **canned soup**. 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.

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 are celebrating National Mentoring Month today, as we welcome the Kent Hills Elementary School Principal and the School Community Coordinator (who has been facilitating the student matching.) They will be introduced during worship and then join us during Faith Forum (2nd Hour).



February Birthdays 2025

Feb 1	Chad Van Dam	Feb 12	Cheryl Hageman
Feb 4	Brock Shoemaker	Feb 13	Dawn Muller
Feb 5	Joyce Bengelink	Feb 17	Char Ritsema
Feb 7	Mary Kapteyn	Feb 23	Jason Schnelker
Feb 8	Mike Kelly	Feb 24	Elleen Anderson
Feb 10	Ryan De Korte	Feb 24	Jeffrey Petersen
Feb 10	Millie Noordyke		





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
Melissa VanderLeek, Clerk
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

PRESIDENT

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

TREASURER

Karen Vander Meulen

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

REV. JEFFREY PETERSEN

Senior Pastor
Cell: (616) 240-0690
jeffrey@thirdreformedchurchgr.org

REV. OLIVIA STEWART-SHOEMAKER

Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Cell: (317) 318-4175
olivia@thirdreformedchurchgr.org

JEN KELLY

Director of Children's Ministries
Cell: (616) 914-2339
jennifer@thirdreformedchurchgr.org

PAM LOCKWOOD

Director of Music
Home: (616) 364-8489
walterlock177@gmail.com

LISA ROSKIEWICZ

Administrative Coordinator
Cell: (616) 262-7037
lisannegsky86@gmail.com

TAMMY SCHOLLAART

Kids Hope Director
Cell: (616) 260-3675
tschollaart@comcast.net

THIRD REFORMED CHURCH

Email: email@thirdreformedchurchgr.org
Website: www.thirdreformedchurchgr.org
Address: 2060 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Phone: (616) 458-3089
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 4 pm