

The Third Sunday in Lent

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 23, 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

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, siblings of faith. Today, you will receive the good news of Jesus.

The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

Today, God will speak to us, filling our hearts and healing our souls.

The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

Today, there will be enough bread for all, enough to mend every broken place.

The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

Lowell Mason

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance,
we confess we overlook your daily provision.

**We take your gifts for granted,
longing for what we do not have instead of treasuring what we do.**

Our hearts are often filled with envy,
and our desires pull us away from gratitude.

Forgive us, O God.

Open our eyes to your faithfulness
and teach us to live with contentment and thanksgiving.

We trust that you provide all we truly need.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*printed inside the hymnal cover*)

ending with ...**Teddy and Josie, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face upon you and grant you peace.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Guide Us, Lord

Mark Patterson

*Guide us through these days, O Lord; help us to seek your way,
trusting as you lead us with love, teach us again to pray.
Help us know you more clearly, help us love you more dearly,
help us follow you more nearly day by day. Guide us Lord, we pray.
Guide us through these days, O Lord; help us to seek your way,
seeking wisdom from your word, strengthen our tender faith.
Help us know you more clearly, help us love you more dearly,
help us follow you more nearly day by day. Guide us Lord, we pray.
When we stray and fall to sin help us find your path again;
draw us closer in your fellowship of love.
Help us know you more clearly, help us love you more dearly,
help us follow you more nearly day by day. Guide us Lord, we pray.
Lead us. Teach us. Guide us, Lord, we pray.*

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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD’S WORD

Matthew 6:9-13 (NT pg. 5)

MESSAGE

Bread for Each Day

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **632**

The Lord’s Prayer

MALOTTE

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Mozart

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Be Still My Soul

FINLANDIA

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 Rev. Olivia Stewart-Shoemaker
the Rev. Kent Fry
Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins
Abby Schnelker, violinist
Pam Lockwood, Director of Music
Praise Team
Josie Breukink, sound technician
AJ Arechiga, Head of Technology

*Today we rejoice in the baptism of Theodore Emerson Debowski and Josephine Violet Debowski,
son and daughter of Mike and Becky Debowski.*

Join us in the fellowship hall following worship for a cake reception in celebration of today's baptisms!

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



THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson – AM Coordinator
Dave and Deb Ames, Gussie Farris – Greeters
Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart – Coffee and Cookies

NEXT WEEK (March 30)

AM Coordinator:	Bill Davidson
Greeters:	The Schnelker Family, Reggie Turner
Liturgist:	Ingrid Baird
Coffee and Cookies:	Laura Blauw and Nancy Zwart

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

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
June 1	The Maddox Family, Nancy Mc Intyre
June 8	The Plantenga Family, Bryan and Cheryl Hageman
June 15	Len and Dianne De Braber
June 22	Rog and Jane Bolhouse
June 29	Gary Graef and Kim Krause

***Please call or email the office if you have a conflict with the date you are scheduled for.**

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. [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).

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Our 2025 Lenten devotional, *Bread of Life Lenten Devotional*, is available in the Connection Center. Pick one up today!

The devotional can also be accessed electronically.

[Click Here for the Electronic Copy of the Bread of Life Lenten Devotional](#)

If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call or email the church office to let Lisa know.



EASTER FLOWERS: It is our tradition here at Third to fill the sanctuary on Easter morning with fresh flowers that are bought in memory or honor of loved ones. We are now taking orders. You may take your flowers home on Easter (April 20) or the week after. Pam Lockwood will be in the gathering space (near the church mailboxes) following worship this morning and on March 30 and April 6 to take orders.

Flower prices are as follows:

Lilly (one stem) - \$15

Lily (two stem) - \$29

Daffodils (6 in) - \$15

Tulips (6 in)– \$15

Hyacinths (6 in) - \$15

CONSISTORY NOMINATIONS

It's time for us to consider who God is calling to serve the church through the work of the Consistory. The Consistory is a group of 12 women and men who work alongside the pastor to provide leadership for our congregation. In making recommendations, you should consider people who reflect Christ-like love in the way they live their lives and engage with others. The Consistory is made up of 6 elders who provide leadership in the areas of worship, discipleship and pastoral care, and 6 deacons who provide leadership in the areas of justice and mercy, outreach and the care of our finances and facilities. Nomination forms can be found in the Connection Center or by clicking here: [Consistory Nomination Form](#)

Please submit any names by Sunday, April 20, 2025.

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, Char Van Slooten, and Joan Vila.

Today is Esther Woudenberg's birthday! Please keep Esther in your prayers as she continues to recover at Mary Free Bed following surgery to repair a broken femur on March 16. Esther's home address: 3615 Cook Valley Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

CHURCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Third partners 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.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
March 23	Children's Worship Offered	
	Sacrament of Baptism	
	Theodore and Josephine Debowski	
	Faith Forum and Children's Sunday School (2 nd Hour)	11:30 AM
	7/8 th Grade Youth Group	11:30 AM
	High School Youth Group	5:30 PM
MONDAY	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
March 24		
TUESDAY	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM
March 25	Worship Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
	Consistory Meeting	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
March 26	Senior Neighbors Tai Chi for Arthritis Classes	12:30 PM
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Improv Class	6:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 PM
THURSDAY	Take Charge Meeting (70x7)	9:30 AM
March 27	Devotional Discussion Group w/Pastor Jeffrey	10:00 AM
	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
March 30	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 MEAL

Our next gathering is on Wednesday, April 2 at 12pm in the lounge. Details on what will be served will be coming soon. Cost is \$12. Please let us know if you will be attending by signing up in the Connection Center today or clicking this link: [Young at Heart Luncheon April 2](#)
Also be sure to mark your calendar for May 1 when we will gather once again.

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE (FUNDRAISER FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MISSION TRIP IN JUNE)

Are you spring cleaning? Consider collecting all your returnable bottles and cans and dropping them off at the church - in front of the garage door in the parking lot. This drive is a huge help to our high school youth as they prepare for their mission trip this summer and lessens the cost for each student. Thank you Keith Boeve and Bill Davidson for returning the bottles and cans on a regular basis and reporting to the congregation how much money you collect for our youth each time.

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

- **Food Pantry** - This month of March we are collecting **oil** and **toilet paper** 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. (Next month we will be collecting sugar for the Pantry.)
- **Supper House** – Our next opportunity to serve at Supper House, which is located at St. Alphonsus Parish, is on Tuesday, April 8 from 4:45 – 6:30 pm (the week of spring break). Sign up at the Connection Center or by clicking this link: [Sign up to help at Supper House](#)



Third Reformed Church

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

YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY

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