
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 30, 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

*Lift High the Cross
How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

George W. Kitchin
Stuart Townend

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**Teach us, Lord, to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

**Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice
and be glad all our days.**

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit as we worship in song.

For the Beauty of the Earth
Verses 1, 2, 3, 4

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, You Have My Heart

Martin Smith

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

Luke 14:7-14 (*NT pg. 67*)

MESSAGE

Humility and Hospitality

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Amazing Love

Billy James Foote

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **697**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Dennis Janzer

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

Ingrid Baird, liturgist

Pam Lockwood, Director of Music

Praise Team

Walt Lockwood, sound technician

AJ Arechiga, Head of Technology

Lois Ripma, organist

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

The Schnelker Family, Reggie Turner – Greeters

Holly Crow - Nursery & Toddler Room

Laura Blauw & Nancy Zwart – Coffee and Cookies

NEXT WEEK (April 6)

AM Coordinator:

Bill Davidson

Greeters:

Joyce Bengelink, Millie Noordyke, Barb Struik

Liturgist:

Volunteer Needed

Nursery & Toddler Room:

Tammy Schollaart

Coffee and Cookies:

Volunteers Needed

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

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](#). Thank you!



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).

KIDS HOPE MENTOR MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

If you are a Kids Hope mentor, please plan to join us in the lounge following worship this morning (get your coffee!) The purpose of this meeting is to discuss year end planning. -Tammy Schollaart

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](#)



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 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 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, Char Van Slooten and Joan Vila.

Be sure to pray for our families who will be taking a spring break within the next few weeks. We wish you a very blessed and safe spring break. May it be filled with relaxation, joy and cherished memories.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
March 30	Children's Worship Offered	
	Kids Hope Meeting for Mentors	Following Worship
	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 31		
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
April 1		
WEDNESDAY	Young at Heart Gathering	12:00 PM
April 2	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	Devotional Discussion Group w/Pastor Jeffrey	10:00 AM
April 3	Ele's Place Program	5:30 PM
SUNDAY	Worship Service	10:00 AM
April 6	Celebration of the Lord's Supper	



YOUNG AT HEART

Our Young at Heart group will gather this Wednesday (April 2) @ 12pm in the lounge. We will share a meal together (menu yet TBD by Bryan Hageman). Some of our seasoned lawyers will join us and share how their faith shaped and brought meaning to their work life. 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](#)



EASTER EGG HUNT AND HOLY PILGRIMAGE

Third's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Holy Pilgrimage is on Saturday, April 19 at 11 am. We expect a large crowd this year because spring break will be over and Easter Sunday is the next day! You can help by donating wrapped candy that we can stuff into eggs 😊. There is a collection box in the Connection Center. Thank you!

DO YOU HAVE ANY THIRD MEMORABILIA?

Edy Borgondy is working hard to fill our display case in the front hallway with things that are a part of Third Reformed Church's history. Do you have any memorable or noteworthy things that you would like to share and showcase i.e. pictures, old bulletins, old t-shirts, old directories, anything with Third's logo on it, old cookbooks, old Sunday school crafts, etc.? Please put your treasure(s) in Edy's church mailbox or in the church office. Be sure to let her know your name (so she can return it to you at the end of the year) and why it is a valuable part of Third's history. If you do not want her to hang it with a few small pins, be sure to make that clear. Lisa in the office will gladly make a copy for Edy to use. Thank you, Edy, for helping us relive and return to some very cherished memories!

NORTH END COMMUNITY MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

- **Food Pantry** - We are no longer collecting our assigned March items (oil and toilet paper) as March is quickly coming to an end. To all of you who donated this month, thank you! It is now time for us to collect **sugar** 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.
- **Supper House** – It is almost time for us to serve again as a church at Supper House, which is located at St. Alphonsus Parish – 224 Carrier St NE. The date is Tuesday, April 8 (the week of spring break). Serve time is 4:45 – 6:30 pm. Sign up at the Connection Center today or by clicking this link: [Sign up to help at Supper House](#)

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.



Happy Birthday 2025

April 1	Tim Breukink	April 16	Becky Gebhart
April 1	Eleanor Miron	April 17	Noah Crow
April 3	Rob Teitsma	April 17	John Inhulsen
April 5	Jen Petersen	April 17	Jean Van Sweden
April 7	Holly Crow	April 22	Len DeBraber
April 8	Alan Beatty	April 22	Bill Dykstra
April 8	Tom Dooley	April 23	Carol Slade
April 11	Marjean Dooley	April 24	Mari Carlson
April 15	McKenna Coleman	April 26	Jack Verbrugge
April 15	Paige Hendrickson	April 27	Declan Swiftney

Happy Anniversary

April 2	Andy and Anna Wicks
April 28	Chad and Tiffany van Dam





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

YOUR 2024/2025 CONSISTORY

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

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