
Palm/Passion Sunday

Third Reformed Church – Grand Rapids, Michigan

April 13, 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

*Hosanna
In the Name of the Lord*

Carl Tuttle
Phil McHugh

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of Grand Rapids, bring your garments and branches—Jesus is coming into town!
Shout Hosanna!

Hosanna! Our deliverer has come! Let all the hungry be fed!

Jesus, the servant king, has come to show us a new kind of power.

Hosanna! Our liberator will set the prisoners free!

Let us worship the one who will save us from corruption.

Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings!

Hosanna! Hosanna! The bread of life has come to sustain us.

Believing this promise, let us worship together!



CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and saving God,

we confess we have sought comfort in systems of power
that promise salvation through dominance, control and division.

**We place our hope in the forces of wealth, status and self-preservation,
rather than in the humility of Christ.**

We align ourselves with the powers of this world,

turning away from the radical love, justice and peace embodied in Jesus.

We fail to notice how the cries for justice of the oppressed mirror the “Hosannas” of hope.

We ignore the cries of the poor, the marginalized and the suffering,
choosing instead the easy path of complicity.

We turn a blind eye to the earth’s cries and the injustices so many endure.

**Forgive us, O God, for placing our trust in the powers of this world
rather than in the power of your love.**

**Renew our hearts and minds and lead us back to the path of true salvation,
where love, justice and peace reign.**

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

Let the Rocks Cry Out!

Lloyd Larson

*Let the rocks cry out in joyous songs of praise!
Let the people shout with voices gladly raised!
Sing hosanna, hosanna! Messiah comes today!
Sing hosanna, hosanna! The Savior's on His way!
Let the rocks cry out, let the people shout,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord!"*

*Lift your voice and sing in glad adoration;
praise to God on high!
See the King who comes in grand celebration,
for He comes in the name of the Lord!*

Chorus

*Lift up your heads, O gates, you ancient doors,
let the King of glory in.
He is strong and mighty, this King of glory,
and He comes in the name of the Lord!*

Chorus

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD

John 12:12-16 (NT pg. 92)

MESSAGE

Bread For the Road

Rev. Jeffrey Petersen

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✠ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING **203** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE AND LONGING

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

☒ CONGREGATIONAL SINGING 205

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

TRURO

☒ BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

Thine Is the Glory

MACCABEUS

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

Karen Vander Meulen, liturgist

Elder Dawn Muller

Pam Lockwood, Director of Music

Adult Choir under the direction of Paul Boelkins

Josie Breukink, sound technician

AJ Arechiga, Head of Technology

Lois Ripma, organist

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).

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



A great big THANK YOU to our Community Life Team for making and serving us a fabulous breakfast this morning before worship! Following worship and before 2nd Hour, be sure to come to the fellowship hall for coffee or punch, and maybe some leftovers from breakfast!



FAITH FORUM (2nd HOUR)

This morning Ted Zwart will share his faith story. We will begin at 11:30 am sharp in the youth room and will dismiss at 12:15 pm.

There will be no Faith Forum next Sunday because it is Easter!

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Bill Davidson – AM Coordinator

Ted and Nancy Zwart, Bruce and Susie Neckers – Greeters

Bill and Barb Hamlin - Nursery & Little Lambs (Toddler Room)

NEXT WEEK (April 20)

AM Coordinator: Bill Davidson

Greeters: The De Korte Family

Liturgist: Jen Petersen

Coffee and Cookies: Edy Borgondy and Tim Breukink

Nursery & Toddler Room: Lindsey Dawes

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

April 27	The Crow Family
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.**

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.

NEW 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 are available at the connection center. The form can also be found by clicking here: [Consistory Nomination Form](#)
Please submit any names by NEXT Sunday, April 20, 2025.



EASTER EGG HUNT AND HOLY PILGRIMAGE – THIS SATURDAY (April 19) @ 11 am

This annual community event includes a brief overview of the Easter story, an egg hunt for kids of all ages, and a Holy Pilgrimage that allows people to stop at different parts of the Holy Week story and collect stamps for their passport. Invite your neighbors and friends!! There are several ways you can help us make this a great community event:

Donate individually wrapped candy that can be stuffed into eggs
Collection box is at the church entrance

Help set up the Holy Pilgrimage this week
Click here to sign-up: [I can help set up the Holy Pilgrimage](#)

Volunteer to help during the event
Click here to sign up: [I can help on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt & Holy Pilgrimage](#)

Donate cookies for the fellowship time after the event
Drop off at the church on Friday during office hours

“FLOWERING THE CROSS” - Next Sunday we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at 10 am!

A tradition at Third is to arrive early to “flower the cross.” This is a chance to add a flower in memory of someone you have loved and lost to the wooden cross that will be lifted high at the start of worship and brought into the sanctuary, along with the Christ candle. There will be some flowers available, but you are encouraged to provide your own from your yard or local store.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIRD THIS WEEK?

TODAY	Palm Sunday Breakfast	8:30 - 9:45 AM
April 13	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	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
April 14		
TUESDAY	Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 AM
April 15		
WEDNESDAY	Women's Bible Study	9:30 AM
April 16	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	Devotion Discussion Group w/Pastor Jeffrey	10:00 AM
April 17	Maundy Thursday Tenebre: A Service of Lights	7:00 PM
FRIDAY	Good Friday Service	12:00 PM
April 18	Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Simple Lunch Hour Service in the Lounge)	
SATURDAY	Easter Egg Hunt and Holy Pilgrimage	11:00 AM
April 19		
SUNDAY	Easter Service - <i>He is risen!</i>	10:00 AM
April 20	Children's Worship Offered	

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.

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 photos that you would like to share? Please put your photo(s) in Edy’s church mailbox or leave them in the church office. Be sure to put your name on them so Edy can return them to you at the end of the year. If you do not want her to hang them 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

April is certainly a month for sweet teeth! Appropriately so, we are collecting **sugar** this month 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. Thank you, Third!

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.



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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