

COMMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please indicate the degree of confidentiality you desire:

- ☐ For the Pastor only
- ☐ For the Prayer Team members
- ☐ May be shared with the congregation
- ☐ Please have someone contact me

CONNECT

- ☐ I’m interested in joining a Life Group
- ☐ I’m interested in membership
- ☐ I’m interested in baptism / profession of faith
- ☐ I need to update my contact info (use reverse side)
- ☐ Sign me up for RRC email
- ☐ Other:

This week’s poll (just for fun)

- ☐ Cake
- ☐ Pie
- ☐ Other:

Last week’s winner: Dogs

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Hebrews 4:14-16 – *Compassionate Priest*

Questions for family/small group discussions:

Jesus has suffered and _____ your _____.

Why does it matter that Jesus sympathizes with your weaknesses and has been tested or tempted like you? What have been some of the most debilitating weaknesses and trials that you have struggled through? What has been your experience with Jesus and his Spirit through those struggles?

This world is a _____.

Throughout your life, what are some of the things that you have looked to for food, water, joy, and fulfillment and found that they do not satisfy the deepest needs of your heart? What are you still tempted to turn to for satisfaction?

Read Exodus 17:7. Can you recall a time when you wondered whether God is really with you? What was your response? Have you struggled with turning cynical or bitter? What is the great danger of this condition?

When you struggle through hard times, **you have a Priest, Jesus, who has suffered and knows your struggles**. How does that change things for us? What does this say about Jesus’ character and his relationship with you?

Heb. 4:15. How is Jesus NOT like us? Why is this important and what does that mean for you?

Boldly seek his _____!

How have you most received and experienced God’s grace and mercy when you asked?

We boldly _____ with his grace.

Exodus 19:6, Isaiah 61:6. What do these texts say about our role? What could this look like for you? How serious is it? What can you do to prepare yourself to do it well? How does Jesus and the cross equip and empower you for this role?

Who could you be the mediating presence of Jesus for this week?



WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

You Stand Alone

Call to Worship

Come Thou Fount

*** Kids are invited to KidLife*

Nothing But the Blood

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Offering

A God Who Saves

Prayer & Message

“Compassionate Priest”

Hebrews 4:14-16 (p. 1003)

Rev. Tim Meendering

Response

The Solid Rock

Closing Blessing

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11:15

Takes place directly after the worship service and goes until 12:15.

• Adults

- “Digging Deeper” sermon discussion. This week’s leader: Kevin Johnson. Room 250.
- “History of Church Music” led by Al Valk in the Fireside Room, 253.

• **High School** - Room 246

• **Middle School** - Youth Room 153

• **KidLife (thru 5th grade)** - Fellowship Hall 100 check-in

*** If you have children, they are welcome to remain with you throughout the service, or you can choose from different options:*

KidLife Worship (3 years - 3rd grade) - Check-in desk is in the Fellowship Hall, Room 100 (directly below the sanctuary). Kids may start service there, or go after our opening music in the sanctuary.

KidLife Nursery (0-3 years) - Room 241 (upper level of gym).

Parent-Infant Room - available near the back of the sanctuary for fussy children and nursing mothers.

Children’s bulletins and crayons are available near the lobby stairs.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct.19
worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm	“History of Church Music in America” Sunday School class starts	men’s prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women’s bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah	family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm fireside, how people change rm 250, me & my big mouth	Parents: If you haven’t done so yet, please fill out the Informed Consent Form for your kiddos! Applies to nursery - high school. RockfordRC.org/icf		Harvest Hoedown 4pm Join us for a fun evening of food, games, and dancing! A great opportunity to invite friends or make new ones.
Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 26
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Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2
worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm hymn sing 4pm discovery class 5pm		men’s prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women’s bible study 9:30-11am, room 212 nehemiah	Spark in the Dark 6pm			

More information on these activities can be found in our weekly **eBeacon** (printouts are available in the lobby and the back of the sanctuary). If you haven’t singed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list.

QUICK INFO

Rockford Reformed Church
4890 11 Mile Road NE, Rockford, MI 49341
616-866-2308 • Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9am–2:30pm
RockfordRC.org • connect@rockfordrc.org

Online bulletin & sign-in: rockfordrc.org/sunday
Online giving: link is on our home page - rockfordrc.org
KidLife email check-in: rrc.check.in@gmail.com

Last week’s attendance: 229
Last week’s offering: \$14,295

ONLINE BULLETIN





ONLINE GIVING



DISCOVERY CLASS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Sunday, October 20 & 27, 5-7pm.
If you are thinking about membership with Rockford Reformed Church, or if you just want to learn more about us, this class is for you! Attending class in no way obligates you to join. Dinner will be provided. Childcare available if needed. **Registration required.** Please contact the office (connect@rockfordrc.org, 616-866-2308) if you would like to participate.

HYMN SING

Sunday, October 27, 4-5pm.
Join us on Sunday, October 27 at 4pm in the Sanctuary for a Hymn Sing! This event is for anyone who loves to sing praises to God!

Needed: prayer partners for our High School youth. Please contact Roger Hoogewind (rogerdhoog@hotmail.com, 616-401-8631).

SPARK IN THE DARK

Wednesday, October 30, 6-8pm
Join us for our 5th annual Spark in the Dark party the day before Halloween! There will be games, food, prizes, candy, and more! Invite your friends and family! Costumes welcome.


Candy donations needed. Please drop off in the baskets in the lobby or at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

THE HISTORY OF CHURCH MUSIC IN AMERICA

October 13, 20, and 27.
Al Valk is putting together a special 3-week Adult Sunday School class that will examine the evolution of church music in America from 1600 to the present. Details are in the ebeacon and on our website.

Congratulations to **Matt & Angie Sansoterra** on the birth of their daughter, **Jillian Paige**, on October 9.

CONNECTION CARD

 **FOLD** and **TEAR** at perforation. Place in the offering plate or in a connection card drop box located at each sanctuary exit.

HELLO! We’re glad you could join us today! Please sign in and let us know who is here (even if they are somewhere else in the building).

☐ Just checking in! **Name(s):**

NEW? First of all, welcome! Please tell us a little more about yourself, and make sure to get a welcome bag from the lobby before you leave today. If you need a little added encouragement to leave your information with us, here you go: for every first-time sign-in (with contact info), we donate \$5 to North Kent Connect! Also, the more we know, the better we can help get you connected.

Name: _____

Address: _____

His Phone: _____

Her Phone: _____

His Email: _____

Her Email: _____

Age group: ☐ teens ☐ 20s ☐ 30s ☐ 40s ☐ 50s ☐ 60+

Kids at home (name, birthdate, grade, m/f)

What brings you here today? _____