

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)

- ☐ Favorite Christmas song:
- Last week’s winner: PC

NOTES FOR THE FRONT OFFICE

(doodles accepted)

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Questions for family/small group discussions

Zechariah 9:9-10 – *How Great Our Joy!*

In a world, culture, and often, season, that is characterized by darkness, despair, and cynicism, we have many reasons to rejoice. Three reasons include the following:

1. The wrongs will be made _____.

- a. What is a common response or attitude when you consider the Jewish people’s long line of evil, self-serving leaders/kings and our experience with corruption and self-serving politicians today?
- b. How have you personally experienced injustice that has been perpetrated against you? How do you most see injustice or an “unfairness” in our community, schools, or workplaces?
- c. How do we see Jesus and his coming demonstrate a radically different way of dealing with the injustice, evil, and chaos of our culture, community, families, or in your own life? How does the hope of the justice that Jesus brings change your attitude and response to the corruption/ injustice of our culture and politics of today?
- d. What injustice could you be a part of addressing in our community?

2. Our King brings true _____.

- a. What do Ephesians 6:12 and Colossians 2:13-15 say about the cosmic war and what Jesus has done to bring an end to it all?
- b. What do you often turn to for peace? What kind of peace does Jesus bring and how? How is the peace that Jesus brings different than many other peace substitutes?

3. Our King chose the path of _____.

- a. In what ways did Jesus demonstrate a path of humility and even dependence in his coming, ministry, suffering, and death?
- b. How does Jesus’ path of humility instruct us for the path that we must take to gain our salvation? What are some ways that you can demonstrate a humble dependence on God for the power to carry you through the victory over sin and death?
- c. What does Jesus’ birth, coming, earthly ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection reveal about how Jesus is worthy of your love and trust?
- d. What are some practical steps you can take this week that would reveal the humility, servanthood and love of Jesus working in and through you?



Sunday, December 22, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude
Joy Has Dawned

Call to Worship
Come and Stand Amazed You People
O Holy Night
Come Thou Long Expected
O Come All Ye Faithful
*** Kids are invited to KidLife*

Offering
Go Tell It on the Mountain

Prayer & Message
“How Great Our Joy!”
Zechariah 9:9-10 (797)
Rev. Tim Meendering

Response
Let Your Kingdom Come

There is no Sunday School this week.

Join us on Tuesday at 4 or 6pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. There will be a hot chocolate bar in between services. Use the cards found on the pews to invite friends and family to join us. Nursery will be available for kids K and under.

*** 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
Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28
worship	<div>Note: The Men's Prayer Breakfast and the Women's Tuesday Bible Study will not meet on December 24 or 31.</div>	candlelight services 4pm & 6pm	Merry Christmas!			
Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4
worship			Happy New Year! Note: Adult Fellowship will not meet in January			
Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11
worship sunday school high school youth group 6:30-8pm		men's prayer breakfast 7-8am, fellowship hall women's bible study 9:30-11am, room 212	family dinner 6pm kidlife club 6:30pm middle school yg 6:30pm adult classes 6:45pm			

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 signed up to receive this weekly email, contact the front office at connect@rockfordrc.org and ask to be put on the list.

QUICK INFO

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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: 297
Last week's offering: \$9,344

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24, 4 & 6pm.
Childcare available for kids Kindergarten and under (in the nursery). Hot Chocolate Bar in between services!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

All ballot items were passed. We welcome to consistory Kevin Johnson, Stephanie Bergman, Eric Ringnald, Dan Jenema, and James VandenHeuvel. They will be ordained and installed on January 5 at the 10am service. Thank you to outgoing members Meg DeVries, Dan Uthoff, Perry Pastula, Fred Bazan, and Amanda Gerhardt.

The church office will be closed this week. Email and voicemail will be checked daily. If you need to get in the building, try getting in contact with a staff member to see if they will be there.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Sunday, January 12 & 19, 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.

ORGANIC OUTREACH WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 1, 9am-4pm at RRC.
Come join other Christ-followers from other local churches at the Organic Outreach for Ordinary People Workshop. Together, we'll join hearts and minds for a day of inspiration, fun, collaboration and practical insights. Learn more and register at rockfordrc.org/organic-outreach.

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?