

SERMON NOTES



Rockford Reformed Church

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PERFECT HARD ROAD
COLOSSIANS 1:24-29
DEEPER DYING LOVE

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Nothing But The Blood

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

*King Of Kings
Jesus Messiah*

Offering

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Prayer & Message

"Perfect Hard Road"
Series: Deeper Dying Love
Colossians 1:24-29 (p.983)
Rev. Tim Meendering

Response

His Glory And My Good

Closing Blessing

*KidLife Worship (3 years - 2nd grade, KidLife Room 246/247)
and nursery (Room 241) are available.*

SPECIAL BENEVOLENCE OFFERING TODAY

As followers of Christ, we are called to reflect His love by caring for those in need. To that end, we will be taking a special offering on Sunday, November 23, designated for our Benevolence Fund. This fund helps meet the many needs within our church family during challenging times. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to support those in need. If you feel led to support this special offering, please use the "Special Offering" pink envelopes and/or note "Special Offering" on your check or on-line giving. Thank you for your generosity and care for one another. – RRC Deacons

SINGLE LADIES' (AND MEN'S) LUNCH

Recognizing that single men enjoy good food and fellowship as much as we do, the Single Ladies invite their male counterparts to our annual Christmas dinner and game time. It will be held on December 6, 2025 at 1pm in the new downstairs fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Wilma Nelson by November 30. (616-690-4479)

SAVE THE DATE

- Annual Congregational Meeting - December 7 following service
- Christmas Eve Service - December 24 at 4pm

NKC HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Christmas Tree with North Kent Connect tags is up and located in the Fellowship Lobby. Tags will have suggested items for each age group. Take some tags, purchase the items, and return them unwrapped to church by December 14. Thank you for helping NKC provide gifts for the children and teens of their clients this Christmas! If you prefer to shop online, look for the qr code by the tree, on our website, or in this morning's email.

DEVOTIONAL – ADVENT FOR EXILES

Copies of Caroline Cobb's book *Advent for Exiles* are available in the Fellowship Lobby with a suggested donation of \$10.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Pastor Tim is hosting a Discovery Class for anyone who would like to prepare for or simply explore what it means to become a member of our church family. The class involves two 2-hour sessions that outline Reformed faith essentials and our mission, organization, and vision. The first session will be in the Old Fellowship Hall (newly remodeled in the basement) on Tuesday, November 25, 6:30-8:30 pm. The second session will include dinner at our (Pastor Tim & Ruth) home on Sunday, November 30, 6-8 pm. Join us! But email us (connect@rockfordrc.org) to **let us know that you are coming by today at 5pm**. You can also let Pastor Tim or Ruth know as well.

Reminder that there is NO Tuesday Women's Bible Study during Thanksgiving week, November 25.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29
worship service youth group 4:30-7pm focal point 5-7pm kidlife club 5-7pm	prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 7:30-8:30am ladies book club 6:30-8pm pickleball 6:30-8pm discovery class 1 6:30-8:30pm		Thanksgiving		
November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6
worship service discovery class 2 6-8pm	prayer partners 7pm via zoom	men’s devotional bkf 7:30-8:30am women’s bible study 9:30-11:15am, old fellowship hall pickleball 6:30-8pm, gym	women’s bible study 6:15-7:15pm, room 250 YA bible study 7pm		REAL men 7-8am, fellowship lobby	single ladies lunch 1pm, old fellowship hall
December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13
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More information on these activities can be found in our weekly eBeacon (sent out Sunday mornings). 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.



THE MINDFUL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

This Biblically-based marriage event for couples is scheduled for May 1 & 2, 2026. This conference, presented by Ron & Nan Deal, is designed to inspire, educate, and encourage couples in all seasons of life (pre-marriage, marriage, and blended family marriage) toward greater intimacy and stability. Based on the

Amazon #1 bestselling book, *The Mindful Marriage: Create Your Best Relationship Through Understanding and Managing Yourself* by Ron and Nan, and Dr. Terry & Sharon Hargrave. Early bird pricing through January 4 is \$64.99 per couple. Scan qr code for more details and a link to register.

KOMBUCHA WORKSHOP

Join Kassidy VanderZwaag for a one-hour, hands-on kombucha workshop on Monday, December 15, from 7:00–8:00pm in the church kitchen (by the gym). Whether you’re brand-new or looking to refine your process, you’ll learn the essentials of brewing and caring for kombucha at home. Feel free to invite non-RRC friends as well! See this morning's email for RSVP link or email tim.v@rockfordrc.org.

RENOVATION / EXPANSION FUND MATCH

A generous benefactor has offered our church a dollar-for-dollar match gift up to the amount of \$100,000.00. At its meeting on November 12, our consistory accepted this gift and voted to use these monies, any new contributions, and the matching amounts to repay the outstanding loan from our recent renovation. We now have two great opportunities, first we have the opportunity to reduce our outstanding debt by \$200,000.00 and secondly, we have the opportunity to step out in faith to increase our giving over and above our normal amounts and see what God will do. All contributions made to the Renovation/Expansion Fund for November, December, January and February will be counted as contributions toward this match. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute so that we can fully meet the matching amount in as short a period as possible.