

# SERMON NOTES



## Rockford Reformed Church

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## KEEP YOUR HEART

PROVERBS 4:10-27

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

### Prelude

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship

*King Of Kings*  
*Open The Eyes Of My Heart*

### Offering

*The Lion And The Lamb*

### Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Mike Klaasen, Nick Malone, Shaun Moore

### Prayer & Message

"Keep Your Heart"  
Series: Fighting for Joy  
Proverbs 4:10-27 (p.529)  
Rev. Tim Meendering

### Response

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

### Closing Blessing

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

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## YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

We are partnering with a local company to produce custom (youth)-designed t-shirts to help support our Youth Group. Shirts are \$15 each, and all proceeds will help fund future retreats, mission trips, and youth activities. To order, fill out the T-shirt order form or scan the QR code. Order forms are due by January 31, and payment is due by March 1. Payments can be given to Tim VanderZwaag—checks should be made out to RRC Youth Ministry with “t-shirt” in the memo, or cash is accepted. Thank you for supporting our Youth Group!



## CROSSCON 2026

Please be praying for a group of our young adults who are traveling to Louisville, KY tomorrow morning to attend Cross Conference. This annual missions conference (January 5-7) equips 18–25-year-olds to make their lives count by making Jesus’ name known globally. Here are the names of those going so you can pray specifically:

Tim VanderZwaag	Luke Afman	Abigail Afman
Kassidy VanderZwaag	Elliott Clayton	Melana Karsten
Jerald Brownell	Travis Katsma	Maddie Jenema
Nate Liberty	Anna Triezenberg	

## SINGLE LADIES LUNCH

We will meet on January 31 in the Lower Fireside Room (basement area with the new fireplace). Join us for pizza and games at 1pm. RSVP to Wilma Nelson.

## ENGAGING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Do you want to dig deeper into the New Testament? Do you want to understand what Jesus and Paul mean by the gospel? To explore how “justification by faith” is about the ethnic makeup of the church? To understand how Acts 2 and the Holy Spirit only make sense in light of the Old Testament? To see how Revelation isn’t really about “Left Behind” or the rapture but God’s faithfulness in the first century and today? Dr. Branson Parler will be teaching this class, which meets at Remembrance Church on Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, and 18 from 12pm-3pm and is no cost for RRC members. You can find more info and register at [www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/gr-nt/](http://www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/gr-nt/).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 4  <b>worship service</b> <b>ordination &amp; installation of elders &amp; deacons</b>	January 5  <b>prayer partners</b> 7pm via zoom  <b>YA CrossCon</b>	January 6  <b>men's devotional bkf</b> 7:30-8:30am <b>women's bible study</b> 9:30-11:15am <b>pickleball</b> 6:30-8pm  <b>YA CrossCon</b>	January 7  <b>women's bible study</b> 6:15-7:15pm, room 250  <b>YA CrossCon</b>	January 8	January 9  <b>REAL men</b> 7-8am, fellowship lobby	January 10
January 11  <b>worship service communion</b>  <b>youth group</b> 4:30-7pm <b>focal point</b> 5-7pm <b>kidlife club</b> 5-7pm	January 12  <b>prayer partners</b> 7pm via zoom	January 13  <b>men's devotional bkf</b> 7:30-8:30am <b>women's bible study</b> 9:30-11:15am <b>pickleball</b> 6:30-8pm	January 14  <b>women's bible study</b> 6:15-7:15pm, room 250	January 15	January 16  <b>REAL men</b> 7-8am, fellowship lobby	January 17
January 18  <b>worship service</b>  <b>youth group</b> 4:30-7pm <b>focal point</b> 5-7pm <b>kidlife club</b> 5-7pm	January 19  <b>prayer partners</b> 7pm via zoom	January 20  <b>men's devotional bkf</b> 7:30-8:30am <b>women's bible study</b> 9:30-11:15am <b>pickleball</b> 6:30-8pm	January 21  <b>women's bible study</b> 6:15-7:15pm, room 250  <b>YA Bible Study</b> 7pm	January 22  <b>John Van Deusen Concert</b> 7pm	January 23  <b>REAL men</b> 7-8am, fellowship lobby	January 24

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](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org) and ask to be put on the list.



## THE MINDFUL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE LAST DAY FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING

May 1 & 2, 2026. Early bird pricing through January 4 is \$64.99 per couple. Scan qr code for more details and a link to register. Limited scholarships available. If needed, please contact Laura at [connect@rockfordrc.org](mailto:connect@rockfordrc.org).



## THANK YOUS

Thank you Rockford Reformed Church! Due to your generosity, \$3,391. Was collected for the Hand 2 Hand ministry on Christmas Eve.

Greetings, faithful flock of Rockford Reformed Church! We are so grateful for the lovingkindness and support we received from you last month as we celebrated our beloved Mitchell's life. So many people commented to us what a great church and community you have. You truly rose above and beyond! Thank you, too, for your tremendous prayer support during these difficult months (we felt it!), and especially for embracing our mom/Oma, Harriet Farwell. With love and eternal gratitude, The Mitch Brummel family