

# First Netherlands Reformed Congregation



*“Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion:  
build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.”  
Psalm 51:18*

**Pastor - Rev. H. Hofman**

**Sunday Worship Services  
9:15 AM 2:15 PM 6:00 PM**

***Located at 1261 Beckwith N.E. Grand Rapids, MI***

## Bulletin for March 10, 2024

All the following information is “The Lord Willing.”

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Today, Rev. Hofman will preach at the morning and evening services. We will have a reading service this afternoon. There will be a sing-along after the evening service; we welcome all young people in ninth grade and up.
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will preach at the morning and evening services. We will have a reading service in the afternoon.
- The consistory will meet this Monday at 7:00 PM. Visitors are welcome between 8:00 and 8:30 PM; please notify the clerk beforehand.
- We will have our annual Prayer Day on Wednesday, with services at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM.
- The youth group will meet on Saturday at 7:00 PM for a topic evening in the church's all-purpose room. All young people in ninth grade and up are invited to attend.
- The latest TBS Quarterly Record magazines are in the racks in the narthex.
- Baptismal records were sent to Mrs. Andrew Zomer (nee Carissa Hoefakker) for her transfer to the Rock Valley congregation.

### PRAYERS OFFERED

- For Mrs. Sue Walma and all other relatives in the loss of a dear husband, father, grandfather, and brother. Andy passed away on March 7 at the age of 65.
- For Mr. Jeff Marshall, who is recovering at home after his bypass surgery.
- For Andrew DeBruine (special needs son of Zachary and Petra), who will celebrate his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday this Wednesday, March 13.
- For Mrs. Joanne Spaans, who will celebrate her 95th birthday this Friday, March 15.
- For Trent and Sharla Knibbe, who were blessed with twins Garrett Michael and Anna Kate last Monday. Mother and babies are doing well.

### ADVANCED

- The evening guild will meet on March 19 at 7:30 PM.
- The morning guild will meet on March 20 at 9:30 AM.
- Classis Mid-West will meet in Sheboygan on Wednesday, March 20. Rev. J.J. Witvoet will lead a prayer service on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 PM.
- The next Holy War evening by Rev. Hofman is scheduled for March 27.

### COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge the Lord and the congregation for the following gifts:

General \$13,774	School \$17,865	Minister \$3,781	ESSP \$1885	Banner/Insight Into \$4,015
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### OFFERINGS

Today:	1 <sup>st</sup> General
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School
March 13:	1 <sup>st</sup> Bus Fund*
March 17:	1 <sup>st</sup> School Capital Fund
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School
March 24:	1 <sup>st</sup> Building
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School

\*The School Board reminds everyone that the Prayer Day collection is for the Bus Reserve Fund. This fund is relied on to purchase buses; all other transportation costs are covered under the annual budget. Your support for this cause is greatly appreciated.

## CHOIR POTLUCK

The choir potluck will be held on Monday, March 25, at 6:00 PM in the school gym. All adult and children choir members and their families are invited. Please bring one salad or dessert per family to share. Pizza, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Please RSVP to Karleen Klaasen at 616-437-5935 by March 18.

## BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Plymouth Christian School is in need of one full-time bus driver for the 2024-2025 school year. A second driver will be needed for the 2025-2026 school year. Additionally, substitute drivers are always needed. Please contact Cindy Bazen at 616-862-5988 if you are interested in driving a bus at PCS.

## APPRECIATION

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, thoughtful words, and other tokens of love shown to us during the loss of our dear grandson. Your kindness was much appreciated. *Wilma VandenToorn and family*

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Prayer Day, March 13, 2024

#### Infants AM

\*Mrs. Aimee Boluyt  
Mrs. Trina Van'tZelfde  
Megan Schipper  
Bereket Engelsma

#### Infants PM

Mrs. Anika Mantel  
Annelise Fluit  
Natalie Rozendaal

#### Toddlers AM

Ms. Danielle Dunham  
Mrs. Maryellen Fluit  
Emma Rozendaal  
Leah Bleeker

#### Toddlers PM

Mrs. Mary Schipper  
Aubrie Blom  
Sadie VanLagen  
Jarynne Knibbe

### Sunday, March 17, 2024

#### Infants AM

\*Mrs. Eileen Warner  
Mrs. Michaela Kamp  
Olivia Knibbe  
Natalie Sporte

#### Infants PM

Mrs. Kathy DeMeester  
Amanda Van'tZelfde  
Melanie TenElshof

#### Toddlers AM

Mrs. Christina Engelsma  
Jackie Kamp  
Ellen Bleeker  
Joscelyn Rozendaal

#### Toddlers PM

Mrs. Meena VanDyke  
Anna Rozendaal  
Lilia Knibbe  
Mya Schelling

### “LORD, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.” Psalm 4:6b

This week, we come together to implore God's blessing upon our fields and that the earth may yield her increase. Our fields shall again be prepared and seeded, but the blessing must come from above. From our side, all our blessings are forfeited, but may God, by grace for Christ's sake, be yet mindful of us and our land, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater. How we stand in need of God, not alone for the temporal, but especially for eternal things. May God shine His countenance upon us in the coming season. The king himself is served by the field. May the Lord bless the labors and make the land fruitful. May we be kept with the pure doctrine, which is according to godliness, and that that truth might be effectual unto salvation through the irresistible ministration of the Holy Ghost. Then, we would stand in need of God and would have no rest before and until we were reconciled to God through the blood of the Lamb. Thus, this petition would also become a vital necessity: Lord, if Thy presence go not with us, to give us rest, carry us not up hence. Oh, beloved, that David's petition, wrought by the Spirit in our hearts, may be, or become, the greatest and principal need in our lives. *Rev. Lamain*

# Church Directory

## ***CATECHISM AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES***

Classes meet after the Sunday morning service.

## ***COLLECTIONS***

Offerings are used to fund church operations and to support various charitable causes, as published regularly in the bulletin. While it is intended to use collected amounts as announced, pursuant to IRS guidelines, discretion and control of these contributed funds remain with the Consistory.

## ***CONSISTORY***

The Consistory meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

## ***LYDIA GUILD***

The Lydia Guild meets on alternate weeks at 7:30 p.m.

## ***LISTENING EAR SUPPORT COMMITTEE***

Website [ListeningEar.FirstNRC.org](http://ListeningEar.FirstNRC.org) or email [NRCListeningEar@gmail.com](mailto:NRCListeningEar@gmail.com)

## ***NURSERY SCHEDULE***

Nursery is provided for morning and evening services. Email [nursery@firstnrc.org](mailto:nursery@firstnrc.org)

## ***RECORDINGS***

MP3 CDs of the services are available, and an online sermon library can be found at [recordings.firstnrc.org](http://recordings.firstnrc.org). Those who wish to request a sermon CD or online access may email [recordings@firstnrc.org](mailto:recordings@firstnrc.org) or contact Tom Engelsma at 616-292-8741.

## ***PRINTED MATERIAL INFORMATION***

The Banner of Truth	973-809-2112
Paul (mission periodical)	226-321-4260
Insight Into (young peoples' periodical)	604-794-5887
Treasured Meditations	616-822-6367
Learning and living	403-320-7992

## ***SCHOOL INFORMATION***

Plymouth Christian School 965 Plymouth Ave. NE 616-454-9481  
[www.plymouthchristianschools.org](http://www.plymouthchristianschools.org)

## ***BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Please email announcements to Elder John Spaans/Tom Engelsma at [bulletin@firstnrc.org](mailto:bulletin@firstnrc.org) or call Tom at 616-292-8741 **by 8:00 PM on Thursday.**

## ***CHURCH DIRECTORY; MODERN MEDIA MATTERS, BULLETINS, PERIODICALS***

Email your home address or phone number changes to [directory@firstnrc.org](mailto:directory@firstnrc.org). In the interest of saving mailing costs, please provide us with your email address.

Modern Media information, NRC periodicals, and bulletins: <http://firstnrc.org/>

Church services are audio streamed live at <http://listen.firstnrc.org/>

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