

# 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 17, 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 in the afternoon.
- Next Sunday, we will have three reading services. Rev. Hofman will serve the Sioux Center congregation.
- Classis Mid-West will meet in Sheboygan this Wednesday. Rev. Hofman and Elder VanDenTop are the Beckwith delegates. Rev. J.J. Witvoet will lead a prayer service this Tuesday at 7:00 PM.
- The evening guild will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 PM.
- The morning guild will meet this Wednesday at 9:30 AM.
- This week’s puzzle can be found on the narthex table or via this [link](#).

### PRAYERS OFFERED

- For Mrs. Lois Blaak, who will celebrate her birthday this Wednesday, March 20.
- For Silas Rose, who will travel with his parents to Boston this Monday for a consultation related to pain management.
- For Mrs. Dena Beeke, who was transferred to Rest Haven Homes.

### ADVANCED

- The next Holy War evening by Rev. Hofman is scheduled for March 27.
- We will have a Good Friday service on March 29 at 7:00 PM.

### ADDRESS/PHONE UPDATES

Mrs. Dena Beeke  
1424 Union Ave NE #405 - Grand Rapids, MI 49534  
Phone 616-551-1166

Dr. and Mrs. Jay Lugthart  
Jay 616-240-5249 - Michelle 616-240-5231

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Engelsma  
Jason 616-437-7909 - Jackie 616-292-2425

### OFFERINGS

Today:	1 <sup>st</sup> School Capital Fund
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School
March 24:	1 <sup>st</sup> Building
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School
March 29:	1 <sup>st</sup> School (Good Friday)
March 31:	1 <sup>st</sup> General
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School

### CHURCH CUSTODIANS

The consistory announces that Tim and Cyndrea Engelsma will be Beckwith's new custodians. They hope to transition into this position soon. Once again, we would like to thank Stan and Arja Fluit for their dedication over the years, and we wish them God’s blessing for the unknown future.

### BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Plymouth Christian School is in need of a full-time bus driver for the 2024-2025 school year. A second driver will be needed for 2025-2026; substitute drivers are always needed. Contact Cindy Bazen at 616-862-5988.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

### **Infants AM**

\*Miss Karla Knibbe  
Mrs. Nicole Verhoef  
Emily Bazen  
Hannah Kegel

### **Infants PM**

Mrs. Meghann VanderZand  
Cora Knibbe  
Ella Koedam

### **Toddlers AM**

Mrs. Michelle Schipper  
Mrs. Shalaina Rosendall  
Annie TenElshof  
Ellie Van'tZelfde

### **Toddlers PM**

Mrs. Alice Schelling  
Amber VanDyke  
Anna Bazen  
Madison Engelsma

## **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.

## **APRIL 2024 HOUSE VISITATION**

If a visit must be canceled, please contact an elder to reschedule.

### **April 2**

**Elder: B. Greendyk, Deacon: D. DeMeester**

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Martin Zevenbergen  
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosendall

**Elders: J. VanZweden, M. Blom**

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schipper  
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Tim VanDyke  
8:15 PM Miss Shawna VanDyke

### **April 16**

**Elders: R. VanDenTop, M. Blom**

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. John VanDyke III  
8:15 PM Dr. and Mrs. Charles Willekes

### **April 23**

**Elder: B. Greendyk, Deacon: H. Hofman**

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Vis  
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Tom Engelsma

**Elders: J. VanZweden, R. VanDenTop**

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Joseph VanDyke  
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Hendrickson

### **April 30**

**Elders: M. Blom, J. Spaans**

7:00 PM Mrs. Lora Vandyke  
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. David Warner

**Elders: B. Greendyk, R. VanDenTop**

7:00 PM Mr. Jim Koedam  
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller

# 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
<a href="http://www.plymouthchristianschools.org">www.plymouthchristianschools.org</a>	

## ***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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