

# 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 May 19, 2024

### PENTECOST

All the following information is “The Lord Willing.”

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Today, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services, and we will have a reading service this afternoon.
- Next Sunday, we will have three reading services. Rev. Hofman will serve the Kalamazoo congregation with Word and Sacrament.
- We will have our congregational meeting tomorrow at 7:30 PM.
- The terms for the following elders have expired: Mr. Ryan VanDenTop and Mr. John VanZweden. The following individuals have been nominated for the office of elder: Mr. Dan DeMeester, Mr. Don Flokstra, Mr. Ryan VanDenTop, and Mr. John VanZweden.
- The terms for the following deacons have expired: Mr. Herman Hofman and Dr. John Schelling. The following individuals have been nominated for the office of deacon: Mr. Ted Engelsma, Mr. Herman Hofman, Mr. Kevin Knibbe, and Dr. John Schelling.
- The terms for the following school board members have expired: Mr. Gary Bleeker and Dr. Ben Schipper. Due to term limits, they cannot be re-nominated. The following individuals have been nominated for the school board: Dr. Zachary DeBruine, Mr. Dave Engelsma, Mr. Randy Knibbe, and Mr. Ben VanZweden.
- Baptism registration will take place this Saturday at 4:00 PM in the consistory room.
- Luke Benjamin Schipper and Emilee Jo TenElshof will be united in marriage on Friday, May 31, at 5:00 PM in the Beckwith church, with Rev. Hofman officiating. This is the first announcement.

#### PRAYERS OFFERED

- May we remember the PCS Seniors and their chaperones as they travel to Washington, DC, this week for a class trip.

#### ADVANCED

- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered on Sunday, June 2.
- The Curatorium will meet in Beckwith on Wednesday, June 5. We will have a prayer service led by Rev. Hakvoort on Tuesday, June 4, at **7:30 PM**.

#### OFFERINGS

Today:	1 <sup>st</sup> General Mission 2 <sup>nd</sup> School
May 26:	1 <sup>st</sup> General 2 <sup>nd</sup> School
June 2:	1 <sup>st</sup> Rest Home 2 <sup>nd</sup> School

#### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

##### Infants AM

\*Mrs. Nicole Verhoef  
Mrs. Jennifer Rogell  
Courtney Knibbe  
Cora Knibbe

##### Toddlers AM

Mrs. Karleen Klaasen  
Mrs. Michelle Schipper  
Kylie DeVisser  
Kallie Boluyt

\*if needed

##### Infants PM

Mrs. Kathy DeMeester  
Hope Rosendall  
Isabella Soliz  
Emily Bazen

##### Toddlers PM

Mrs. Rebecca Bleeker  
Caylea Knibbe  
Addison Blom  
Ariana Klaasen

## APPRECIATION

A heartfelt thank you for the outpouring of love and support shown to us in the passing away of our dear husband, father, and grandfather. Also, a special thank you to Rev. Hofman for his many visits. *The TenElshof Family*

## BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Plymouth Christian School still needs a full-time bus driver and substitute drivers for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Please call Cindy Bazen at 616-862-5988.

## PENTECOST

**“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”**  
**Acts 2:4**

Christmas is always called the feast of the Father, God with us; Easter, the feast of the Son, God for us; but Pentecost, the feast of the Holy Spirit, God within us. Even during the Old Testament, they already learned about Pentecost, or as it was called then, the feast of weeks. Seven weeks after God had led His people out of Egypt, they were encamped at Mount Horeb where God gave His people laws which one day would be fulfilled and glorified by Christ.

Pentecost was also the feast of the first fruits of the wheat harvest. And of what does that remind us? What the Lord Jesus Himself testified in John 12:24, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” The Lord Jesus was that Corn of Wheat, and now on that day, on that notable day of Pentecost, it would become evident what a rich harvest that Seed had yielded.

Because of our willful and voluntary disobedience and apostasy from God in Paradise, we have lost everything and come short of the glory of God, and if God had not been moved in Himself from eternity, then we would be lost forever. Then we would sink away forever beneath the wrath and anger of God and of the missing of God. But now, because the Son of God was sent and has finished His mediatorial work, it is possible for God to become again the property of the elect sinner, and the sinner again can commune with God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God as Father, the Son as Mediator and Elder Brother, but also the Holy Spirit as Sealer and Guide of His children; a wealth which cannot be expressed in words. How great our poverty is when we never learn anything of this between the cradle and the grave. Now it is still possible!

The Spirit quickens, and the Spirit glorifies Christ. At Pentecost, the day was fulfilled, the house was filled, and the hearts of the disciples were filled. The disciples were placed in the light. What a day that was when all the shadows fled away from them, when the full light arose upon that eternal counsel of God, upon the Person and work of the Mediator. Then their mouths were opened, and their tongues were loosed. Then, they spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. May that also happen to us to the glory of a triune God. *Rev. W.C. 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*

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