

# 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 April 27, 2025**

All the following information is “The Lord Willing.”

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Today, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and afternoon services. This evening, he will be in Covell for Public Confession of Faith, and we will have a reading service.
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services, and we will have a reading service in the afternoon. Holy Baptism will be administered in the morning, and Rev. Hofman will close the season for the catechism classes. There will be a sing-along after the evening service. All our young people in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to attend.
- We will have a combined National Day of Prayer service with the Covell congregation this Thursday at 7:00 PM.
- The PCS appreciation breakfast will be from 8:30 to 10:30 AM this Saturday. Please RSVP by calling the office at 616-454-9481.
- Bible Truth Books will be open this Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.
- This week’s puzzle can be found on the narthex table or via the email link.
- Rev. Hofman has declined the call to the Chilliwack congregation. May the Lord continue to help him and bless his labors for our congregation.

### **PRAYERS OFFERED**

- For the Kamp and Leestma families and all other relatives in the loss of a dear father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Mr. Richard Kamp passed away last Wednesday at the age of 95 years. Rev. Hofman will lead the funeral service in Beckwith on Monday, April 28, at 10:00 AM.
- For Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Rosendall in the loss of a dear grandmother. Mrs. Fygje (Frances) Van Herk passed away April 24 in Fort Macleod, AB, at 94 years old.
- For McKenzie Engelsma, who could return home from the hospital.

### **ADVANCED**

- Our annual choir potluck is at PCS on May 5 at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to Marcella Flokstra at 616-612-8632.
- All ladies in 9th grade and older are invited to the Kalamazoo Annual Combined Guild at Providence Christian School on May 7. A punch bowl will be at 6:30 PM, and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.
- Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 PM.

### **OFFERINGS**

Today:	1 <sup>st</sup> Building 2 <sup>nd</sup> School
May 1:	1 <sup>st</sup> Treasured Meditations 2 <sup>nd</sup> ESSP
May 4:	1 <sup>st</sup> General 2 <sup>nd</sup> School

### **APPRECIATION**

Students who have received the teacher scholarship/loan would like to thank the congregation and consistory for their generous support. It is encouraging to feel the support for the teaching profession, and we greatly appreciate the help to alleviate the financial burden of teacher education. We hope and pray that the means may be blessed for us and the students entrusted to our care.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**May 1, 2025 (National Day of Prayer)**

### **Infants PM**

Mrs. Maryellen Fluit  
Cora Knibbe  
Courtney Blecker

### **Toddlers PM**

Mrs. Carrie Knibbe  
Joscelyn Rozendaal  
Sienna Knibbe

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

### **Infants AM**

\*Mrs. Agnes DeBraber  
Mrs. Heidi Hendrickson  
Lindsey Knibbe  
Taylor Kamp

### **Infants PM**

Mrs. Maria Kamp  
\*Melanie TenElshof  
Autumn Kegel  
Bereket Engelsma

### **Toddlers AM**

Mrs. Jenny VanLagen  
Annie TenElshof  
Ellie Van't Zelfde  
Tessa Stegenga      \*if needed

### **Toddlers PM**

Mrs. Corrina Kamp  
Jodi Flokstra  
Leah Blecker  
Olivia Kamp

# 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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