

# 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 4, 2025**

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. We ask the students to remain in the sanctuary after the morning service, as Rev. Hofman will close the catechism season. 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. Holy Baptism will be administered this morning to the following infants:
  - Asher James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Schyler Kamp
  - Jane Meredith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sytsma
- Next Sunday, in the morning, Rev. Hofman will administer Holy Baptism in the Covell congregation, and we will have a reading service. He will preach at our afternoon and evening services.
- The annual choir potluck at PCS will be this Monday at 6:00 PM.
- The consistory will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Visitors are welcome between 8:00 and 8:30 PM; please notify the clerk beforehand.
- Rev. Hakvoort will preach in Covell this Tuesday at 7:30 PM.
- The Kalamazoo Combined Guild meeting will be at Providence Christian School this Wednesday. A punch bowl will be at 6:30 PM, and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.
- The consistory would like to thank the congregation for their cooperation in scheduling and hospitality during the house visitation season, which concluded last week.
- The latest NRC Disaster Fund Report is in the racks in the narthex.

### **PRAYERS OFFERED**

- For Mr. Jim Koedam, who was hospitalized and returned home but still struggles with foot pain.

### **ADVANCED**

- The Lydia Guild invites all the women of the congregation to the last evening meeting of the season, which will be held on Tuesday, May 13. The dinner will start at 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share.
- Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30 PM.
- We will have an Accension service on Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 PM.

### **PHONE NUMBER UPDATE**

Andrew Fluit 616-273-2825

### **OFFERINGS**

Today:	1 <sup>st</sup> General 2 <sup>nd</sup> School
May 11:	1 <sup>st</sup> Benevolent 2 <sup>nd</sup> School
May 18:	1 <sup>st</sup> General 2 <sup>nd</sup> School

We acknowledge the Lord and the congregation for the following fundraising amounts received in the past weeks.

The Peter Wildeman concert, \$5,200

The annual choir program, \$5,468

The high school music night, \$20,750

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

### **Infants AM**

Mrs. Michelle Schipper  
\*Annelise Fluit  
Madelyn Hoefakker  
Anna Bazen

### **Infants PM**

Mrs. Meghann VanderZand  
\*Mrs. Aimee Boluyt  
Hannah Kegel  
Kaelynn Fluit

### **Toddlers AM**

Mrs. Sarah Kamp  
Hayley Knibbe  
Kallie Boluyt  
Abigail Sporte

### **Toddlers PM**

Mrs. Bethany Spaans  
Julia Bleeker  
Sheri Knibbe  
Alivia Kleyn

## APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and tokens of love shown after my surgery. It was much appreciated. *Norm Harris*

We would like to thank everyone who remembered us with meals, cards, visits, and gifts while McKenzie was in the hospital. Our family is grateful for your kindness to her and our family. *Sincerely, Tim, Cyndrea, and Family*

### **Bus Driver Needed for 2025-2026 School Year**

There is a need for a full-time driver at Plymouth Christian School for the upcoming school year. Substitute drivers are always needed as well. If you can help fill this need, please contact Cindy Bazen at 616-862-5988

# 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: [www.firstnrc.org/](http://www.firstnrc.org/)

Church services are audio-streamed live at [listen.firstnrc.org/](http://listen.firstnrc.org/)

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