

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 August 24, 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.
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and afternoon services. He will preach in the Kalamazoo congregation in the evening and lead a sing-along for the young people. We will have a reading service.
- The PCS Open House will be this Tuesday. Dinner and classroom visits are from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Rev. Hofman will give his address at 7:30 PM.
- The TBS presentation entitled "Iran, the Church, and the Persian Bible" will be held at PCS this Wednesday.
- The Kalamazoo NRC is hosting a Youth Acquaintance Day this Saturday.
- At the School Board meeting last week, the following officers were elected:
 - President – Ryan Knibbe
 - Vice President – Jason Engelsma
 - Secretary – Jonathan Klaasen
 - Treasurer – Aron Bazen

PRAYERS OFFERED

- For Alivia Kleyn (daughter of Brent and Sharon), who will have kidney surgery on Tuesday.
- For McKenzie Engelsma, who is recovering from a lengthy brain surgery.
- May we remember the Theological School students and their instructors as they hope to begin the school year this Tuesday.

ADVANCED

- Rev. Hofman will open the catechism classes on Sunday, September 7.
- Rev. Zippro will preach at our afternoon service on September 7.
- Rev. Hofman will meet with those who would like to attend the confession of faith classes on September 9 at 7:30 PM.
- The first Holy War book study at PCS will be on September 17 at 7:30 PM.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STAFFING NEEDS

PCS has an opening for a P.E. teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. This position requires attendance at school two days per week during the 7th hour on Monday and Friday (2:00-3:00 PM) for planning and conducting a P.E. class for high school students. Please contact nbleeker@plymouthchristian.us

COLLECTIONS

We humbly acknowledge the Lord and the congregation for the generous gifts:

Minister \$10,638

Benevolent \$5,464

ESSP \$9,168

School \$16,070

Building \$300

General \$11,793

Emeritus \$7,324

Theological School \$9,522

School Capital Fund \$181,218

OFFERINGS

Today:	1 st Building
	2 nd School Tuition
August 31:	1 st General
	2 nd School Tuition
September 7:	1 st General
	2 nd School Tuition

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Infants AM

Mrs. Lorraine Rosendall
Miss Karla Knibbe
Brianna Knibbe
Claire TenElshof

Infants PM

Mrs. Alice Schelling
Mrs. Cori VanDyke
Hope Rosendall
Lindsey Fluit

Toddlers AM

Ms. Danielle Dunham
Jessica Van't Zelfde
Mya Schelling
Jarynne Knibbe

Toddlers PM

Mrs. Katelyn Hausmann
Sophia Kegel
Whitney Knibbe
Jennica Flokstra

APPRECIATION

A special thank you to all who remembered me for my birthday. It was much appreciated.
Dirk Knibbe

I would like to thank everyone for remembering me on my birthday. It was greatly appreciated.
Eleanor DeBruine

QUOTES

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon. *Martin Luther*

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 or email NRCListeningEar@gmail.com

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery is provided for morning and evening services. Email nursery@firstnrc.org

RECORDINGS

MP3 CDs of the services are available, and an online sermon library can be found at recordings.firstnrc.org. Those who wish to request a sermon CD or online access may email 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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email announcements to Elder John Spaans/Tom Engelsma at 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. In the interest of saving mailing costs, please provide us with your email address.

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