

# 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 September 7, 2025

All the following information is “The Lord Willing.”

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Today, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning service and open the catechism classes. He will preach and administer Holy Baptism in the Covell congregation in the evening, and we will have a reading service. Rev. Zippro will preach for us this afternoon. We ask that all students remain in the sanctuary after this morning's service.
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will be in Kalamazoo to administer the Lord's Supper at the morning service and preach a reflection sermon in the afternoon. We will have two reading services. He will preach for us at our evening service.
- Rev. Hofman will meet with those who would like to attend the confession of faith classes on Tuesday at 7:30 PM in our all-purpose room.
- Rev. H. de Leeuw will preach in Covell this Thursday at 7:30 PM.
- Rev. Hofman has received a call from the congregation of Sioux Falls, SD. May the Lord grant him light, as he will make a decision by September 24.

### PRAYERS OFFERED

- For Mr. and Mrs. Derek Teunissen, who were blessed with a baby girl, Lainey Mae, last Wednesday. Both mother and baby are doing well.
- For McKenzie Engelsma, who will have surgery this Tuesday related to her brain implant.
- For Mrs. Agnes DeBraber, who will celebrate her 76<sup>th</sup> birthday this Wednesday, September 10.

### ADVANCED

- The next Holy War book study, covering chapter 10, will be on September 17 at 7:30 PM at PCS.
- The season's first evening guild meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, at 7:30 PM. The first morning guild meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, at 9:30 AM. All ladies are welcome. To join the guild's email list, please contact Rachel Knibbe at [raknibbe@gmail.com](mailto:raknibbe@gmail.com).

### APPRECIATION

I would like to thank Rev. Hofman, his wife, and all who remembered me with cards and calls after my surgery. It was very much appreciated. *Norm Harris*

We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown following my heart procedure and hospitalization.  
*Bill VanDenToorn and family*

### OFFERINGS

Today:	1 <sup>st</sup> General
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition
September 14:	1 <sup>st</sup> General
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition
September 21:	1 <sup>st</sup> Disaster Relief
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

#### Infants AM

Mrs. Karalyn Weeda  
Natalie Sporte  
Lydia Knibbe  
Lilia Knibbe

#### Toddlers AM

Mrs. Jayne Bleeker  
Ava Koedam  
Leah Bleeker  
Olivia Kamp

#### Infants PM

Mrs. Karleen Klaasen  
Olivia Knibbe  
Marcella Flokstra  
Kylie DeVisser

#### Toddlers PM

Mrs. Christina Engelsma  
Joscelyn Rozendaal  
Madison Engelsma  
Abigail Sporte

## PATIENCE IN ADVERSITY

Imitate Christ in patience. Christ's patience in suffering was most exemplary. "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a Lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth" (Is. 53:7). "Let patience have her perfect work" (James 1:4). Be companions in the patience of Christ. Exercise this grace in all changes of condition, for it is the panoply or whole armor of the man of God whereby he foils his enemies. When the winds of affliction, poverty, sickness, persecution, etc. blow upon you, let patience keep the soul in a calm and contented frame. Let it keep thy soul as it did Job, when he lost his blessings (Job 1:21), as it did Eli, when he was threatened with the ruin of his house and family (1 Sam. 3:18), as it did David in a time of sickness (Ps. 39:9), and as it did Paul, in a time of want (Phil. 4:11-12). Doth God correct you? Lie silently under God's correcting hand. Do men injure, revile, affront, or oppress you? Bear all Christianly and patiently, still remembering that no matter how many or great your miseries are, they are fewer and less than your iniquities deserve. Oh, guard against murmuring (Phil. 2:14). Murmuring is a charging God with folly. "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:22), but remember! Christ murmured not. Therefore, follow Christ patiently, with the cross upon your shoulders. *Andrew Gray*

## Church Directory

### ***CATECHISM AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES***

Classes meet after the Sunday morning service.

### ***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.

[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.**

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