

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 October 19, 2025

All the following information is “The Lord Willing.”

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Today, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services. This afternoon, he will administer Baptism for the Kalamazoo congregation, and we will have a reading service.
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services. We will have a reading service in the afternoon.
- Rev. H. de Leeuw will preach in Covell this Thursday at 7:30 PM.
- We will soon begin work on the new membership directory, and we ask that any changes to phone numbers or addresses be forwarded to directory@firstnrc.org.

PRAYERS OFFERED

- For Mr. Ron Klaasen, who will have cataract surgery this Thursday.
- For Mr. Gil DeBruine, who will celebrate his 85th birthday this Friday.
- For Mrs. Janet Berman, who will celebrate her birthday this Friday.

ADVANCED

- Rev. Hofman will preach in Covell on October 29 at 7:30 PM.
- We will have a combined Reformation Day service with the Covell congregation on October 31 at 7:00 PM.
- The Lord’s Supper is scheduled for November 16, with a weekday service relating to the Lord’s Supper on November 12.
- The next Holy War book study at PCS will be on November 19 at 7:30 PM.
- The next Holy Baptism is scheduled for Sunday, November 30.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPENINGS

Bus Driver: PCS is seeking a full-time bus driver to start immediately. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Bazen at 616-862-5988

High Needs Aide: PCS is seeking a full-time aide for the High Needs Program, effective January 5, 2026, due to a change in staff schedules. This is a highly rewarding position that involves working with high-needs students individually in the ESSP room, as well as integrating with peers in regular classrooms. Please contact Nate Bleeker at nbleeker@plymouthchristian.us.

COLLECTIONS

We would thank the Lord and the congregation for the generous gifts:

Minister \$8,635
General \$8,456

School \$28,009
Catechism (ESSP) \$657

Disaster Relief \$17,264
School Capital \$18,754

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls I received for my birthday. My sincere appreciation goes out to you.
Marge Bazen

I would like to thank everyone who remembered me on my birthday. We would also like to thank all those who remembered my wife, Maria, after her hip surgery. It was very much appreciated. *Dr. & Mrs. Lourens Willekes*

Thank you for all the tokens of kindness shown to me for my birthday. *Jenny TenElshof*

OFFERINGS

Today: 1st AM & AFT ESSP
1st PM General
2nd School Tuition
October 26: 1st Emeritus
2nd School Tuition

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Infants AM

Mrs. Karla Knibbe
Mrs. Lorraine Rosendall
Melanie TenElshof
Kaelynn Fluit

Infants PM

Mrs. Cori VanDyke
Mrs. Alice Schelling
Cadence Boluyt
Brianna Knibbe

Toddlers AM

Ms. Danielle Dunham
Joscelyn Rozendaal
Leah Bleeker
Karlie Sporte

Toddlers PM

Mrs. Katelyn Hausmann
Aria Knibbe
Madison Engelsma
Olivia Kamp

NOVEMBER 2025 HOUSE VISITATION

If a visit must be canceled, please contact an elder to reschedule.

November 11

Elders: J. Spaans, R. VanDenTop

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bleeker
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bleeker

Elders: M. Blom, B. Greendyk

7:00 PM Mrs. Louise Mast
7:00 PM Miss Kate Mast
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rose

Elder: J. VanZweden, Deacon: D. DeMeester

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Boudewijn Haase
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rogell

November 18

Elders: S. Boluyt, M. Blom

7:00 PM Dr. and Mrs. Ben Schipper
8:15 PM Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rose

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest. Hebrews 4:11a

How a man ought to worry that he may receive a good dying day! How we should put all our effort into this, that at one time we may enter into that rest. One day, our place here will be empty. Someone else shall take our place and take over our work; someone else shall possess our things, shall walk in our street, and dwell in our home. And where will we be then?

Do we know if it is well between God and our soul? Did we learn to seek peace in the blood of Jesus? Have we been taught to fight the good fight of faith? Did we learn to take hold of eternal life? Does our soul long after the rest, which, at one time, shall be the blessed lot of all the people of God? How sad it is when we think so little of this. Most of the time, we are too busy with earthly things, so that we have no time to think of the heavenly things.

We talk and cry, laugh and mock, run, sweat and worry, buy and rent, sleep and watch, strive, read, write, eat and drink; and among all this business, that needful lesson of the apostle is easily forgotten. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest. Oh, that this all may change for the good! May we learn to strive to enter in through the strait gate! *Wulfert Floor*

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 people's 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

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