

# 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 January 18, 2026

All the following information is “The Lord Willing.”

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Today, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services. Rev. Kleijer will preach at our afternoon service. There will be no adult Bible or catechism classes today. This morning, Baptism will be administered to the following children:
  - Koa Jase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Hendrickson
  - Elias Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Maassen
  - Elaina Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac VanDyke
  - Evelyn Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney VanLagen
  - Savannah Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wubbeling
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services. We will have a reading service in the afternoon.
- The confession class will meet this Thursday at 7:00 PM.
- There will be an open house for both Rev. Hofman's and his wife Nellie's birthdays this Saturday, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the all-purpose room.
- This week's puzzle can be found on the narthex table or via this [link](#).
- Student de Wilde will begin a series on Joseph in the adult Bible class next Sunday as part of his studies. We thank Elder VanZweden for all his time leading the class.
- To save on mailing costs, future issues of the Insight-Into periodical will be available on tables in the narthex. A notice will be posted in the bulletin when they are available for the members. Electronic versions of periodicals are available at [firstnrc.org](http://firstnrc.org) under the Church Resources section.

### PRAYERS OFFERED

- For Mr. Martin Zevenbergen, who will celebrate his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday next Sunday, January 25.

### ADVANCED

- The first choir practice of the season will be on Monday, January 26, at 7:15 PM. We look forward to seeing many of you there.
- The next morning guild meeting is scheduled for January 28 at 9:30 AM.

### APPRECIATION

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the sympathy shown on the passing of our dear sister-in-law. Our times are in His hands. *The Gilbert DeBruine and Albert DeBruine families*

### OFFERINGS

Today:	1 <sup>st</sup> General
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition
January 25:	1 <sup>st</sup> AM & AFT TBS
	1 <sup>st</sup> PM School Capital Fund
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition
February 1:	1 <sup>st</sup> AM & AFT Scholarship Loan
	1 <sup>st</sup> PM General
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

### **Infants AM**

Mrs. Cori VanDyke  
Mrs. Correna Knibbe  
Melanie TenElshof  
Jodi Flokstra

### **Infants PM**

Mrs. Alice Schelling  
Mrs. Mary Schipper  
Annelise Fluit  
Lindsey Knibbe

### **Toddlers AM**

Mrs. Katelyn Hausmann  
Ellie Van'tZelfde  
Madison Engelsma  
Olivia Knibbe

### **Toddlers PM**

Mrs. Heather VanDenTop  
Lilia Knibbe  
Sheri Knibbe  
Karlie Sporte

## **LIVING UNDER THE GOSPEL**

If thou be a stranger to regeneration and faith, a person that makes a powerless profession of Christ, that has a name to live but art dead Here it is possible thou mayest meet with something that will convince thee how dangerous a thing it is to be an old creature in the new creature's dress and habit and what it is that blinds thy judgment and is likeliest to prove thy ruin. A seasonable and full conviction whereof will be the greatest mercy that can still befall thee in this world if thereby at last God may help thee to put on Christ as well as the name of Christ.

If you will not do as Judas did, nor come to such an end as he did, take heed that you live not unprofitably under the means of grace. Judas had the best means of grace that ever man enjoyed. He heard Christ Himself preach; he joined often with Him in prayer, but he was never the better off for it. It was but as the watering of a dead stick, which will never make it grow but rot it the sooner. Never was there a rotten branch so richly watered as he was.

Oh, it is a sad sign and a sad sin, too, when men and women live under the gospel from year to year and are never the better. I warn you, all ye that profess religion, to beware of these evils. Let those footsteps by which Judas went down to his own place terrify you from following him in them.

*John Flavel*

# 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***

An online sermon library is available at [recordings.firstnrc.org](http://recordings.firstnrc.org). To request access to the online system, please 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 send announcements to Elder John Spaans/Tom Engelsma by email 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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