

# 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 April 19, 2026

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. There will be no Bible or catechism classes this morning. Holy baptism will be administered this morning to the following infants:
  - Levi Samuel, son of Dr. and Mrs. Zachary DeBruine
  - Walter Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hofman
  - Kimberly Nicole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trent Knibbe
  - Robert Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schipper
  - Kate Nicole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Spaans
  - Quinn Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Warner
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and afternoon services. He will be in Kalamazoo in the evening for public confession of faith, and we will have a reading service.
- The Beckwith and Covell consistories will meet with the confession class this Monday in Beckwith at 7:00 PM.
- The school board will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM.
- The Plymouth Christian School capital fundraiser night of music is Thursday at 7:30 PM. For those unable to attend, there will also be a [livestream](#) of the program.
- This week’s puzzle is available on the narthex table or via this [link](#).

### PRAYERS OFFERED

- For our confession class students, who have their examination this week with both consistories.
- May we remember those who are unable to attend today due to health issues and those who are confined to their homes or care facilities.

Mrs. Edith Bazen at Rest Haven - Mrs. Dena Beeke at Rest Haven  
Mrs. Janet Berman at her home - Mrs. Lois Blaak at Edison Home  
Mrs. Ether Dykstra at Rest Haven - Mrs. Joanne Spaans at Rest Haven

### ADVANCED

- We will have a combined service with the Covell congregation for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 PM.
- The Holy War evening scheduled for May 20 has been canceled. Rev. Hofman hopes to resume this series in September.

### OFFERINGS

Today:	1 <sup>st</sup> General
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition
April 26:	1 <sup>st</sup> Building
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition
May 3:	1 <sup>st</sup> General
	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Tuition

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

### **Infants AM**

Mrs. Lorraine Rosendall  
\*Mrs. Marcella Van't Zelfde  
Annelise VanDyke  
Kylie DeVisser

### **Infants PM**

Mrs. Karleen Klaasen  
\*Lynette Rogell  
Felicia DeVisser  
Ellen Bleeker

### **Toddlers AM**

Mrs. Jayne Bleeker  
Audrey Kamp  
Courtney Van't Zelfde  
Alivia Kleyn

### **Toddlers PM**

Mrs. Jennifer Rogell  
Jessica Van't Zelfde  
Sienna Knibbe  
Karlie Sporte

\*if needed

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An informational meeting for the School Expansion and Senior Living project is scheduled for April 29 at 7:00 PM at PCS. All members of the Beckwith, Covell, and Kalamazoo congregations are invited to attend. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. The committees will present significant information regarding the school expansion projects, the Senior Living Home, and the Beckwith School property. This information will prepare you for the multiple proposals that will be put before the male members at our congregational meeting in May.

## APPRECIATION

We would like to express our gratitude to the consistory and the congregation for the love and support following the birth of our baby boy, Walter Arthur. The cards, meals, visits, calls, and text messages have been a blessing to our family during this special time. We are grateful to the Lord for being part of a caring church family.

*Herman and Naomi Hofman*

We would like to thank all those who remembered us in various ways during the illness and the passing away of our dear husband and father, Jay DeKorne. *Sincerely, Kathie and Jacob DeKorne*

# 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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