

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 July 26, 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.
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services and administer Baptism at the morning service. We will have a reading service in the afternoon.
- The July/August consistory meeting will be held this Monday at 7:00 PM. Visitors are welcome between 8:00 and 8:30 PM; please notify the clerk beforehand.
- Bible Truth Books will be open this Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.
- The latest issue of Insight Into is available in the narthex racks. We encourage our members to pick up their copy.
- Baptism registration has been rescheduled for this Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the consistory room.

PRAYERS OFFERED

- Our condolences go out to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rose and family in the loss of a dear brother-in-law and uncle. Elder Ken Baum of the Clifton congregation passed away last Sunday at the age of 78.
- For Rev. and Mrs. H. Hofman, who will commemorate their 40th wedding anniversary this Saturday.
- For Mr. Dirk Knibbe, who will celebrate his 80th birthday this Monday, July 27.
- For Mrs. Lois Vissia, who will celebrate her 88th birthday this Tuesday, July 28.

ADVANCED

- Rev. Sonneveldt will give a presentation at PCS regarding the current mission work in Nigeria on Friday, August 7, at 7:30 PM.

COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge the Lord and the congregation for the following gifts:

General \$9,739

Benevolent \$6,967

School \$17,511

Fund Drive (Undesignated) \$10,000

Minister \$4,314

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Infants AM

Mrs. Eileen Warner
Cora Knibbe
Emily Bazen
Taylor Kamp

Toddlers AM

Mrs. Jayne Bleeker
Sophia Kegel
Jarynne Knibbe
Abigail Sporte

Infants PM

Mrs. Kimberly Schelling
Courtney Knibbe
Tizita Engelsma
Lindsey Fluit

Toddlers PM

Mrs. Karalyn Weeda
Kaylee Van't Zelfde
Sadie Van Lagen
Elaina Knibbe

OFFERINGS

Today:	1 st AM Theological School 1 st AFT & PM Emeritus 2 nd School Tuition
August 2:	1 st General 2 nd School Tuition
August 9:	1 st Benevolent 2 nd School Tuition

QUOTES

Oh, that the young would begin to be good betimes, that so they may have a greater harvest of joy when they come to be old! It is sad to be sowing seeds when you should be reaping your harvest. It is best to gather the summer of youth against the winter of old age.

If thou wouldest be good betimes, then thou must acquaint thyself with Jesus Christ betimes. A man never begins to be good, till he begins to know Him who is the fountain of all goodness.

Reader, remember this, if thy knowledge do not now affect thy heart, it will at last, with a witness, afflict thy heart; if it do not now endear Christ to thee, it will at last provoke Christ the more against thee; if it do not make all the things of Christ to be very precious in thy eyes, it will at last make thee the more vile in Christ's eyes.

Thomas Brooks

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

An online sermon library is available at recordings.firstnrc.org. To request access to the online system, please 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 send announcements to Elder John Spaans/Tom Engelsma by email at bulletin@firstnrc.org or call Tom at 616-292-8741 **by 8:00 PM on Thursday.**

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