

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 18, 2026

All the following information is "the Lord willing."

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Today, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services. Student Rozeboom will speak at our afternoon service.
- Next Sunday, Rev. Hofman will preach at our morning and evening services. He will preach a preparatory sermon in the morning. We will have a reading service in the afternoon.
- The choir will meet on Monday at 7:15 PM.
- Jonathan Arnold will speak about William Tyndale at the TBS meeting this Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the PCS gym.
- The morning guild will meet on Wednesday at 9:30 AM.
- The confession class will meet on **Wednesday** at 7:00 PM.
- Dylan Lee VanDyke and Lydia Alice Knibbe will be united in marriage on Thursday at 4:00 PM in the Beckwith church, with Rev. Hofman officiating. Any lawful objections must be submitted to the consistory.
- All children from kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome to join the church children's choir and participate in the choir program on November 13. A letter containing practice songs and meeting dates can be found on the Narthex table.
- Work has begun on the 2027 membership directory; please forward any address or phone changes to directory@firstnrc.org.
- The Lydia Guild would like to assemble an updated congregational calendar. If you do not wish your information to appear in the calendar, or if there are any errors or changes since the last edition printed by the Joshua Group, please email: 1stnrcguildcalendar@gmail.com.

PRAYERS OFFERED

- For Mr. Gilbert DeBruine, who will celebrate his 86th birthday on Saturday, October 17.
- For Mrs. Janet Beman, who will celebrate her birthday on Saturday, October 17.

ADVANCED

- A weekday service will be held for Reformation Day and regarding the Lord's Supper on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM.
- The Lord's Supper will be held on Sunday, November 1.
- Student Rozeboom will speak in Covell for a Reformation Day service on Friday, October 30 at **7:00 PM**.

OFFERINGS

Today:	1 st ESSP
	2 nd School Tuition
October 25:	1 st Emeritus
	2 nd School Capital Fund
October 28:	1 st Treasured Meditations
	2 nd ESSP

SCHOOL CAPITAL BUILDING FUND

School Capital Fund collections will be taken next Sunday and again on December 20. Thank you for your continued generosity in investing in this special fund for our school.

APPRECIATION

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the many tokens of kindness shown to our mother throughout the many years. Also, for the many visits and sympathy extended at the time of her passing.

The Esther Dykstra family

I would like to thank all those who so kindly remembered me on my birthday. *Mrs. Jenny TenElshof*

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Infants AM

Mrs. Nicole Verhoef
Mrs. Kristin Knibbe
Ella Koedam
Allison Schipper

Infants PM

Mrs. Katie Flokstra
Mrs. Mary Schipper
Annelise VanDyke
Ellen Bleeker

Toddlers AM

Mrs. Katelyn Westrate
Leah Bleeker
Sadie VanLagen
Elaina Knibbe

Toddlers PM

Mrs. Karalyn Weeda
Sheri Knibbe
Summer Hoefakker
Meredy Knibbe

NOVEMBER 2026 HOUSE VISITATION SCHEDULE

If you must reschedule a visit, please contact Tom Engelsma as soon as possible.

November 10

Elder: B. Greendyk, Deacon: D. DeMeester

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Mark Walkotten

7:00 PM Mr. Matthew Walkotten

Elders: M. Blom, R. VanDenTop

7:00 PM Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller

8:15 PM Mr. Jim Koedam

November 17

Elders: M. Blom, B. Greendyk

7:00 PM Miss Danielle Dunham

8:15 PM Mr. Henry Keizer

8:15 PM Miss Gracia Keizer

LOOKING UP

A man who was in the habit of going into a neighbor's cornfield to steal grain, one day took his son with him, a boy of eight years of age. The father told him to hold the bag, while he looked if anyone was near to see him. After standing on the fence and peeping through the corn rows, he returned to take the bag from the child and began his sinful work. "Father," said the boy, "you forgot to look somewhere else." The man dropped the bag in a fright and said, "Which way, child?" supposing he had seen someone. "You forgot to look up to the sky to see if God was noticing you." The father felt this reproof of the child so much that he left the corn, returned home, and never again ventured to steal, remembering the truth his child had taught him: that the eye of God always beheld him. Submitted (1950 Banner of Truth)

TRUE HUMILITY

Spiritual pride is very apt to suspect others, but a humble saint is most jealous of himself. He is as suspicious of nothing in the world as he is of his own heart. The spiritually proud person is apt to find fault with other saints...and to be quick to notice their deficiencies. But the eminently humble Christian has so much to do at home, and sees so much evil in his own heart, and is so concerned about it, that he is not apt to be very busy with other hearts... Pure Christian humility disposes a person to take notice of everything that is good in others, and to make the most of it, and to diminish their failings, but to give his eye chiefly to those things that are bad in himself. *Jonathan Edwards*

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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