

Pastor Brent Wassink – Message
Dave Ruark– Vocals & Guitar
Gary DeVries– Prayer
Rebecca Elmer – Young Children Worship Leader
Crystal Gabrielse – Greenhouse Leader

Offerings

Each Sunday we receive two offerings. One is for our church’s General Fund which is used for our ministry here and in partnership with other Christian Reformed Churches.

Today’s special offering is for support of our Benevolence fund. Our benevolence fund is used to support congregants from our church who reach out with financial needs. Over the past year, this fund has been intensely used to assist our congregants with disruption due to natural disasters, job loss, and unexpected needs.

You can give through our website, via the QR code, by mail, or use the offering box between the doors at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to making a positive impact in our community through River Terrace Church.

Praise the LORD, My Soul, and Forget Not

Psalm 103:1
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing - 521
Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:2-5
Reflection/Sharing/Children’s Moment
10,000 Reasons - 559

He Does Not Treat Us as Our Sins Deserve

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:6-12
Reflection
Prayer of Confession
*I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)**
New Members in 2024

As for Us, Our Days Are Like Grass

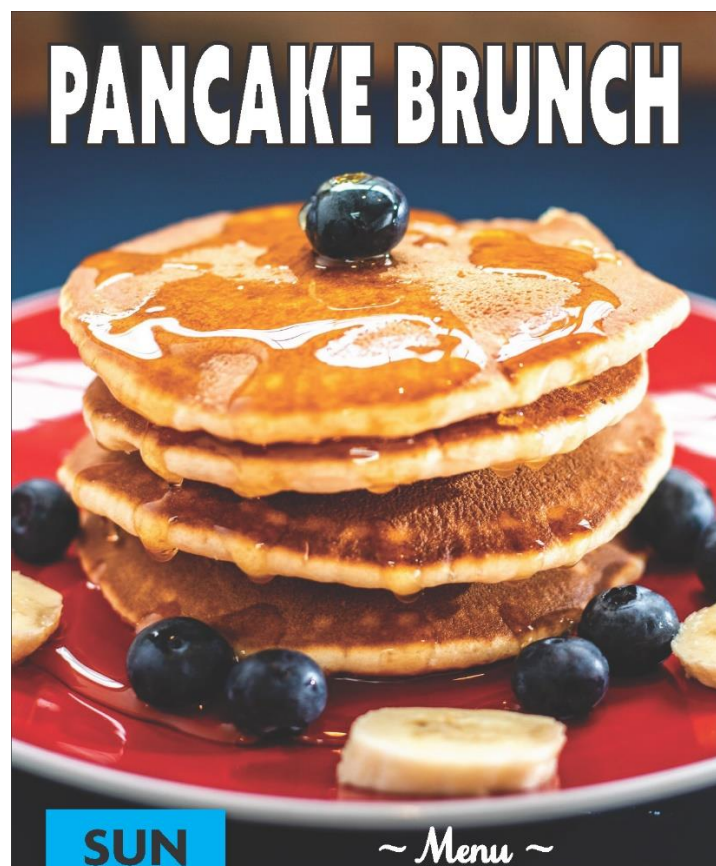
Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:13-16
Reflection
Deaths in 2024

The LORD’s Love is with Those Who Fear Him

Psalm 103:17-18
Reflection
Rededication Reading
Offering and Prayer
Be Thou My Vision - 859

Praise the LORD, All His Works

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:19-22
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow - 965
God’s Blessing



SUN
Jan. 12
after the
service

~ Menu ~

- Pancakes (*gluten free available*)
- Sausage
- Eggs (*scrambled*)
- Strawberry smoothies
(*youth run smoothie bar*)

Today

Nursery (0-3)

9:45 AM - 12:30 PM | Nursery

Singing Time (Kids age 4-5th grade)

After the Children's Moment | Music Room

Young Children Worship Center* (4-6 years old)

During service | Room 6

Greenhouse* (Grades 2-5)

During service | Room 4

**Children are dismissed after the children's moment.*

Children's ministries check-in

Nursery age children can be checked in and out at the nursery counter. Kindergarten through 5th grade can be checked in at the check-in station by the Gym doors. Parents of nursery age through 2nd grade children will receive a claim ticket. Turn in your claim ticket from check-in to pick up your child. Pick up your child from their designated room (listed above).

No Kids' Cafe - *Parents please pick up your children before getting coffee*

Prayer Station

If you would like to receive prayer today for something in your life please stop by the prayer station in the back of the sanctuary. Gary DeVries and Mary Farrand would be happy to pray for you.

Pathways Sundays 11:15 AM – Noon

Resumes January 5, 2025 – for an informational gathering and update from the December Council meeting.

End of Year Giving

Your year-end contributions may be made online or dropped off at the church office by Noon on Sunday, December 29. If your gift is mailed, it must be postmarked by December 31 to receive tax credit for 2024.

Christmas Teardown

Volunteers needed to help take down Christmas decorations around the church **on Tuesday, January 7 at 9:00 AM**. Contact [Susan Lakos](#) if you can lend a hand.

Giving Envelopes

Pick up your 2025 giving envelopes from the table in the Gathering Space this Sunday.

New Pictorial Directory

The new color pictorial directories are available in the hallway of the Gathering Space.

Weekly Events

Pickleball | Gym

Mondays 3:30–6 PM

Campus Edge Bible Study & Dinner | 1518 River Terrace Dr.

Resumes Monday, January 13

Campus Edge Pub Theology | Peanut Barrel

Resumes Tuesday, January 14

Men's Sunrise Bible Study | Meeting Room

Resumes April 2025

Bible Study | Quad

Resumes Wednesday, January 15

Pickleball | Gym

Thursdays 10 AM - Noon

Mary Sweeney Memorial

We will be holding a memorial service for Mary Sweeney on **Monday, December 30** in the Sanctuary. Visitation is at 10:00 AM, the service is at 11:00 AM, and lunch will follow in the Gym. Cards can be sent to Dennis Sweeney, 5811 Ambler St., Holt MI 48842.

RT University: "Pottery as a Means of Grace"

Join us as retired physician Dan Triezenberg will share the skill and beauty, both concrete and spiritual, of his later in life hobby, pottery. Come enjoy a delicious lunch, joyful fellowship and learn something new! Friday, Jan. 10, 2025 Noon-1:30 PM. \$7.00 donation suggested. Registration required by 1/8.

Please register online, stop by or call the church office 517-351-9059 to register by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8. Hope to see you there!

Pancake Brunch

Join us after the service on **Sunday, January 12** for Pancakes (gluten free available), Sausage, Scrambled Eggs & Strawberry Smoothies from the youth run smoothie bar.

Barrel Drive

We are collecting one more barrel of NEW hats, gloves, winter coats, and socks. Please drop these items off in the yellow barrel in the gathering space.

Update from Council

This coming week Council will send an email update from its December meeting which will include matters to be covered in an adult Pathways informational gathering in the gym next Sunday, January 5.

Please Continue to Pray for

Suzanne Brown, Cathy Kern, Lucille Kuiper, Sylvia Maat, Jane Outslay, David St. John, Melissa Simpson, Jim Sytsma, Barb Thomas, the Tyler family and Shirley Worgul.

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