

A Service of Celebration & Praise

✻ August 10, 2014 ✻



BROOKFIELD
Christian Reformed Church



WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

** please stand if able*

Prelude

Gathering Song: *Praise to the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* 188

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Opening Songs:

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Be Unto Your Name

*Litany: God Calls us to Worship..... Pastor Peter Verhulst

Leader: *To the stories we remember—the tales of Egypt and the wilderness, the epics of Abraham and David—we add our own:*

All: God has walked with our fathers and laughed with our mothers; he has steadied our weak and befriended our lonely.

Leader: *In joy and in triumph, through sin and disgrace, God has guided His Church and has carried our congregation.*

All: For seventy-five years our church has been blessed. Our past belongs to God.

Leader: *The God of David dwells with us today. Names and faces have changed; buildings and pulpits have worn away. Hymnals have traded colors, programs have come and gone, yet the Word remains the same.*

All: Though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, we will not fear. God is today our refuge and our strength!

Leader: *Our faithful God will also guide our future. Wide-eyed children now listen to the stories we tell. We trust that as God provided food and water in the desert, so he will nourish our children with his Spirit and Word as they wait with eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.*

All: For in this promise of God we find hope: “As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Our future belongs to God!

Leader: *People of God, from where does your help come?*

All: Our help comes in the name of the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

*God's Greeting and Our Spoken "Amen."

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

Litany: God's Covenant Faithfulness. Former Pastor Mark Pluimer

Leader: *Let us speak of the Lord our God.*

All: The Lord is the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin. (Ex. 30:6-7)

Leader: *Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. (Ex. 19:5)*

All: We have seen your great faithfulness, Lord, and rejoiced in it; but we ourselves have too often broken faith.

Leader: *We have prided ourselves on our right thinking, and ignored our wrong living.*

All: We have quarreled with each other, and harbored bitterness, resentment, and pride; we have not been reconciled to some who have hurt us; and we have treasured our grievances more dearly than our love for each other. Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: *We have defended true doctrine, but have neglected real people. We have thought the church to be a collection of the whole and the saintly, and have neglected to heal the wounded and to welcome the 'sinner'.*

All: Our faithlessness is an affront to your faithfulness, our sins a grief to your holiness. Forgive and restore us through Jesus, we plead.

Leader: *The Lord has heard your cry. "I will put my law in your minds," he declares, "and write it upon your hearts. I will be your God, and you will be my people... I will forgive your wickedness and remember your sins no more. (Jer. 31:33-34)*

All: “Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.” (Ps. 117)

Leader: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.” (Acts 16:31)

All: We put not confidence in princes. Our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong, body and soul, in life and in death, to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: “Once you were not a people;” (1 Peter 2:10)

All: “But now we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

Choir Anthem: *We Will Remember*

Children’s Sermon (no Children & Worship) Pastor Emeritus John Bylsma

Morning Prayer Associate Pastor Brandon Haan

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD Pastor Peter Verhulst

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7 p. 1914

Pastor: “The Word of the Lord”

Congregation: “Thanks be to God”

Sermon: It’s About Now!

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*. 556

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE AND COMMITMENT

Offertory Prayer

Offering for the General Fund and City Reformed Church

Choir Anthem: *Doxology*

1930s

March 9, 1939—Organizational meeting, led by missionary Rev. John R. Brink, with ten people present.

March 12, 1939—First worship services held in Civic Auditorium, led by Rev. Brink, with eight attendees in the morning and nine at night.

June, 1939—Rev. J. De Jonge appointed by Home Mission Board as missionary-pastor.

November 16, 1939—Formal organization of Milwaukee Christian Reformed church. 33 persons accepted as members.

1940s

November 17, 1941—Howard Grimberg is the first baby baptized in the congregation.

July 27, 1947—First recorded profession of faith: Tennis Vander Plas.

August 11, 1947—The Milwaukee consistory sends a formal request to Classis Wisconsin: “the Milwaukee congregation should be disbanded.”

October 21, 1947—En route to the Classis Wisconsin meeting, elders Perry Boermans and C. Vanden Bolsem stop the car to pray; the Spirit leads them to the conviction that the Milwaukee church must go on! The request to disband is withdrawn.

1950s

October 14, 1957—Meeting held to organize a Christian School Society.

December 4, 1957—“All present ... saw no compelling reasons to continue to withhold the privilege (to vote) from our women members.” The motion carries unanimously.

1960s

May 12, 1961—Rev. Raymond Brinks, missionary in Argentina, selected to receive annual support of \$500.

1970s

1978—Education Fund (“Covenant Plan”) proposed by Milt Kuyers and established to support Christian day school education.

1980s

February, 1989—New gray edition of Psalter Hymnal purchased, replacing the previous blue edition.

1990s

1993—Children’s Worship established to help pre-school age children learn about God, the story of salvation, and how to worship.

2000s

Fall, 2000—Navy Chaplain Rev. Tom Walcott helps the church part-time for two years with small group development and monthly preaching.

June, 2007—Church planter Rev. Eneyas Freitas opens Connection Point Church; services end in Summer 2012 after bringing the gospel to western Milwaukee for four years.

October, 2011—Rev. Chris Ganski begins working on City Reformed Church plant.



*For a full, detailed timeline, visit
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1939
Rev. John R. Brink
(home missionary)



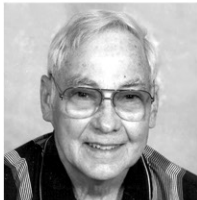
1939-1942
Rev. John J. De Jonge



1942-1946
Rev. William Verwolf

- 1947 A. Walcott
- 1948 John Peterson
- 1949 Mike Baarman
- 1950 Paul Zylstra
- 1951 Peter Brower

Seminarians



1952-1956
Rev. Edward Boer



1956-1963
Rev. Martin Zylstra



1956-1963
Rev. Thomas
Vanden Heuvel



1970-1976
Rev. Andrew Cammenga



1977-1980
Rev. Don Steenhoek



1981-1987
Rev. Roger Bouwman



1987-1996
Rev. John Bylsma



1998-present
Rev. Peter Verhulst



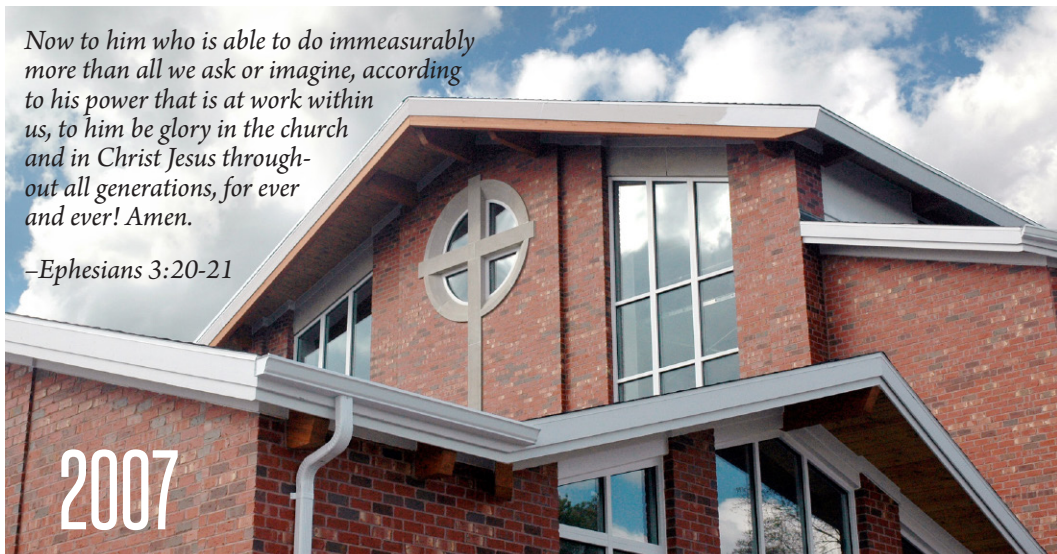
2003-2006
Rev. Mark Pluimer
Associate Pastor



2013-present
Rev. Brandon Haan
Associate Pastor

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through-out all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

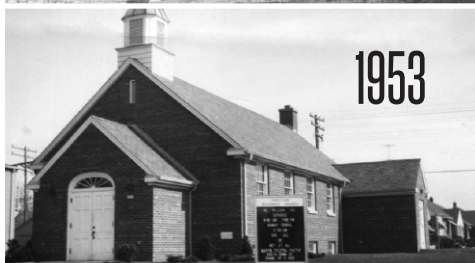
-Ephesians 3:20-21



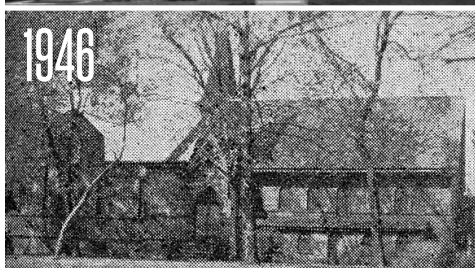
2007



1973



1953



1946

Pastor Peter Verhulst
Associate Pastor Brandon Haan
Pastor Emeritus John Bylsma
Former Pastor Mark Pluimer



Sunday Services: 9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
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