

# Welcome Pastor Burden and Family!

Pompton Reformed Church in Pompton Lakes is proud and excited to welcome our new pastor, **Rev. John Burden**. John and his family will be moving into Pompton Lakes the week of June 10<sup>th</sup> and will be leading worship services beginning **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**. Pompton Reformed has been serving in Pompton Lakes and surrounding communities for well over two hundred years and this represents a new chapter in our long and fruitful history.

Please consider joining us for worship **any Sunday at 10:00 AM** and meeting John and his family or visiting anytime to explore our many community service ministries.



*Left: Pastor John, Jill, Arie (9) and twins Ira & Roman (3)*

Pastor John Burden's journey to ministry began in 2004 when he left an unfulfilling university experience in search of a more meaningful path. Reaching into his Christian roots, John enrolled at a small Bible college in Michigan. There he discovered a passion for the Bible and the way of Jesus. He followed this passion through seminary and was ordained into ministry in the Christian Reformed Church in 2010. Pastor John loves to share his enthusiasm for the Bible, Jesus, and Christian practice through teaching and preaching. He has served two churches in Michigan as an associate pastor and lead teaching pastor. In addition to preaching, Pastor John is passionate about helping Christians and churches find ways to connect with and serve their local communities. For personality typing enthusiasts: Pastor John is an ENFJ, Enneagram type 7, and has Strengths Finder strengths of futuristic, positivity, woo, and activator.

Pastor John has been married to his Canadian wife Jillian, or Jill, for 11 years. Both Pastor John and Jill have degrees from Kuyper College and Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI. Jill has worked in church communications and is currently a stay-at-home mom. Together they have three boys: Arie (9), Ira (3), and Roman (3).

We are all very grateful to our God for bringing Pastor John to us and look forward to joining him in ministry at Pompton Reformed and in our communities. **Thank you.**