

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

17 December 2017

**Welcome!** Thanks for joining us! If you're new, please fill out a connect card (found in the bench rack), and drop it in the offering plate when it's passed, or give it to one of the people standing by the doors at the end of the service.

Jesus tells us that if we are going to share God's love, it must not be just with those we find lovable. Today we'll reflect on how and why we are called to show God's love especially to those we might consider enemies.

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## Order of worship

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>What Child Is This?</i>
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>
Christmas Program	"Manger Tales"
Advent Wreath	
Prayer	
Our Giving <i>Mission Offering for the Boehms</i>	<i>Offering</i> <i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message <i>Dr. Branson Parler</i>	<b>Sharing God's Love With Enemies</b> <i>Matthew 5:38-48 (p.937)</i>
Singing	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>
Benediction	

This week at **Fourth**

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Tiffany Gonzalez, Laura O'Brock</i> <i>Next week: Marcia Schuur, Norma Boehm</i>
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	<i>Abbie, Erin, Breanna, Jaidyn</i> <i>Next week: Amy Baragar, Travis, Josh</i>
	<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Brian &amp; Becky Tubergen</i> <i>Next week: Mike &amp; Nancy Brinks</i>
	<b>Coffee</b>	<i>Don &amp; Betsy Coutchie</i> <i>Phyllis Berrevoets, Sandy Gleason</i> <i>Next week: Brian &amp; Becky Tubergen</i> <i>John &amp; Caren Bills</i>
	11:00 AM 11:15 - Noon 5:00 PM 5:00 PM	<b>Kids Praise Team</b> <b>Christian Education</b> <b>Christmas Carol Sing-along &amp; Potluck</b> <b>Youth Group</b> <i>Christmas party</i>
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	<b>GEMS</b> <i>party with special friends</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 6:45 PM	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> <i>at New Beginnings</i> <b>Yoga</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> <i>at Rest Haven</i>

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## Praise and Prayer

Pray for the Parlers as they struggle with sleep issues with Ephraim. No sleep results in other struggles, so pray answers can be found.

The holiday season can be especially hard on people grieving the loss of loved ones. Pray that God's comfort and peace would surround everyone struggling with loss.

Spend time praying about who you can extend hospitality to this holiday season. Pray for boldness and courage to invite people into your homes, or to church to hear the gospel message.

## Announcements

### Missionaries of the Month

Jeff and Lisa Boehm who serve with Youth With a Mission are encouraged by the fact that presently about half of the 500 YWAM missionaries in Thailand are Thai nationals carrying out the mission "to know God and make Him known". Jeff and Lisa help mentor, teach, and integrate new folks into the ministries of YWAM and Project LIFE including homes for former orphans, sexually abused girls, HIV/AIDS affected children; elderly living in slums; former prostitutes, developmentally delayed boys, and refugees. Our offering for the Boehms will be received today.

### Fireside Gathering

Last week you received a letter in your mailbox related to the consistory's decision regarding women in office. This morning, we will have a gathering in the fireside room for a time of dialogue around this decision for anyone who is interested.

### Christian Education Schedule

Christian education will not be held on December 24 and 31. Classes will resume on January 7.

### Christmas Day Service

Look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior on December 25 at 10:00am!

### Sing-Along and Potluck

Everyone is invited to return this evening at 5:00 to sing your favorite Christmas carols around the piano and afterwards sitting down and enjoying a meal together. A great way to celebrate the season today!

### Youth Fundraiser: Murder Mystery Dinner

On January 5 at 6:30pm, here at the church, the youth group will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner (Master Arts Theatre) to raise funds for an upcoming missions trip. Throughout the dinner, actors will perform a live-action game of Clue for the audience to work with their tables to solve. Tickets are \$30 each. Please see Sam or Kristi if you have questions or to buy a ticket.

### A Service of Remembrance

Orchard Hill Church (1465 3 Mile Rd NW) is providing a service of remembrance and hope for those experiencing grief this Christmas season. It will be held December 17 at 6:00pm with a soup dinner at 7:00.

### Kids Hope USA

**Christmas Party** was postponed due to the weather conditions last Wednesday, and has been rescheduled to January 10 from 6 - 8pm.

**Mentors** this is your last week of mentoring before the Christmas break which runs from December 23 through January 7.

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FORGIVENESS

Helps to Heal  
You



Empowered by the Spirit to follow  
Jesus together, serve others, and share  
God's love