

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

31 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 is the most pivotal person in history. Not only is he the most important person to ever walk the earth. He is also the person by which every other person must contend in order to find real meaning, joy, and hope in a fallen world.

What we see in our passage for today is that Jesus is the beginning of a movement between God and humanity. And in this movement, Jesus establishes himself as the epicenter of hope for all humanity. Jesus is a game-changer. Jesus changes everything.

Order of worship

Prelude
Noreen Reitsma

Joy to the World!
Instrumental

Call to Worship

Singing

What Child Is This?
In Christ Alone
My God, How Wonderful You Are

Prayer

Our Giving

The Servant Song
Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3

Kingdom Prayers

Singing

Speak, O Lord

Message
Rev. Aaron Wetzel

Jesus Changes Everything
Luke 2:22-40 (p.993)

Singing

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Benediction

This week at Fourth

Today	Nursery	<i>Erin Broene, Ruth Meendering</i> <i>Next week: Erin Meendering, Sarah Parler</i>
	Children's Worship	<i>Amy Baragar, Megan</i> <i>Next week: Amy Baragar</i>
	Greeters	<i>Jeff & Erin Broene</i> <i>Next week: Ron & Marcia Schuur</i>
	Coffee	<i>Olliebollen made by Bob Burggraaf and Norm Schalk! Thank you!!</i> <i>Next week: Mike & Nancy Brinks</i> <i>Bob & Connie Scherpenisse</i>
	11:15 - Noon	Christian Education <i>will resume Jan 7</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM 6:45 PM	Women's Bible Study Deacons/Elders <i>those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer, are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric</i>
	8:15 PM	Consistory Meets
Wednesday	6:30 AM 6:45 PM	Men's Bible Study <i>at New Beginnings</i> Yoga
Thursday	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>at Rest Haven</i>
Friday	6:30 PM	Murder Mystery Dinner

Notes:

1. **Jesus is going to reveal something to everybody.** (*Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28*) *"For my eyes have seen your salvation..."*
2. **Jesus is going to propel everybody to something.** (*Luke 1:50-53, James 4:6, 1 Pet 5:5, Prob 16:18*) *"This child is destined to cause..."*

Praise and Prayer

We give thanks for God's faithfulness, steadfast love and new mercies shown to us every day this past year. May we boldly proclaim His name in 2018 with great delight and anticipation - with Gospel joy.

Pray for wisdom and discernment for the consistory as they meet on Tuesday.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month - Jeff & Lisa Boehm

The Boehms thank you for your partnership in preparing "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." (Revelation 7:9) Your prayers, friendship, and financial support are a tremendous encouragement as they proclaim God's gift of salvation to the people in Thailand!

Youth Fundraiser: Murder Mystery Dinner at Fourth

Friday, January 5 at 6:30pm the youth group will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner (Master Arts Theatre) to raise funds for an upcoming missions trip. There will be pasta and homemade sauces by Beau! Actors will perform a live-action game of Clue for the audience to work with their tables to solve. Tickets are \$30 each. They can be bought at the door, but Sam & Kristi need to know you are coming. Please see Sam or Kristi TODAY if you have questions or to buy a ticket.

Sunday, January 7

We are excited to announce that next Sunday Rev. Jon Opgenorth, President of Words of Hope (WOH) will lead us in worship. Rev. Opgenorth succeeds Rev. David Bast who served in this role for 23 years. Rev. Opgenorth most recently served at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City, Iowa (18 years) and has done extensive work as a volunteer with WOH through the years and will provide some background for our targeted missionary offering for Persia (Iran). The offerings for the Persian ministry will be taken this month and in July when WOH is Missionary of the Month once again.

Next Sunday we will also gather to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Spend time this week rejoicing in God's grace for you, poured out in Jesus.

Kids Hope USA

Christmas Party has been rescheduled to January 10 from 6 - 8pm.

Mentors will be on break until January 7.

Appreciation

Mission India sent a thank you to us for joining efforts with others to reach 16,150 new believers. With our financial support in 2017, we supported five year-long Children's Bible Clubs in Uttar Pradesh.

JJ Meadows also thanked us for partnering with him in the Gospel and for being a part of what God is doing in Ecuador.

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A Community Redeemed
to Redeem Our Community



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

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