

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

**3 September 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.

As we close our time in Exodus for now, we will again see the people of Israel testing God. This text serves as both a warning to us and a witness of God's great patience and faithfulness to his people.

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## Order of worship

Prelude

*Noreen Reitsma*

Call to Worship

Reading

A Contemporary Affirmation of Faith #718

Singing

*Come Thou Fount*  
Song Selection of Hymns

Prayer

Our Giving

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Kingdom Prayers

Message

*Dr. Branson Parler*

**The Testing of God**

*Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 71)*

Celebration of Communion

Singing

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Benediction

This week at Fourth

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**Today**

**Nursery**

*Beth Rossiter, Betsy Coutchie*  
Next week: *Lynn Berthiaume, S. Hawkins*

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**Children's  
Worship**

*No Children's Worship*  
Next week: *Amy Baragar, Josh, Megan*

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**Greeters**

*Sharon Gamache, Barb Funckes*  
Next week: *Branson & Sarah Parler*

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**Coffee**

*Norm & Gina Schalk*  
*Dave & Richanda Bolt*  
Next week: *Don & Betsy Coutchie*  
*Brian & Becky Tubergen*

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**Tuesday**

10:00 AM  
6:45 PM

**Women's Bible Study**

**Deacons/Elders** *those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer, are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric*

8:15 PM

**Consistory Meets**

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**Wednesday**

6:30 AM

**Men's Bible Study** *at New Beginnings*

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**Thursday**

10:00 AM

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** *at Rest Haven*

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## Praise and Prayer

Sloan (Sue Hawkins' sister's 3-month old granddaughter) has a severe liver disease. Pray for Sloan and her parents, Chris and Sara, as they wait for a liver to be identified for a transplant.

Pray for the Brinks family as they lost a cousin (Sally Miedema) to cancer this past week.

Patrick Marvin's mom also passed away. Pray for both of these families as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

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## Announcements

### Faith Formation Sunday

Next Sunday we will kick off a new season of ministry at Fourth with our second annual Faith Formation Sunday. We will commission CE teachers (classes begin), start a new series on our mission, and explore ways to serve through a Ministry Fair. We'll also have a potluck meal that day. Sign up today and let us know what you plan to bring!

### **Mission of the Month - New City Neighbors**

New City Neighbors gives thanks to God and for your love and support you have shown to us through these busy summer months of ministry. We are grateful to be able to celebrate 10 years of ministry at the Fall Auction on November 9 with you. - We look forward to Alaina sharing with us on September 24 and also receiving our offering for NCN on that Sunday.

### **Summer Bible Reading and Pie in the Face**

If you have done the summer Bible reading and you are in high school or younger, let Branson know no later than Wednesday, Sept. 6, that you've finished the reading so that he can reserve a pie for you to pie Pastor Eric in the face next Sunday.

### **New City Neighbors**

#### **Volunteer with New City Afterschool!**

Work with second through fifth grade students from the Creston neighborhood. The program meets every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00pm starting October 10. Opportunities include tutoring, van driving, providing snack, leading a club, or leading a Bible study. Come for an hour or stay for the whole time. Come once a week or all three days. Put your name on the volunteer interest form in back and Holly Hetherington will contact you.

### **TRIP**

Credit this year is \$1459. Because of the holiday, orders placed today will be available on Wednesday morning after 10:00.

### **Men's Study**

Remember to let Bob Scherp know if you are interested in studying Ray Vander Laan's latest video and study from the "That the World May Know" series "A CLASH OF KINGDOMS" beginning at 7pm on September 13.

### **Sunday Night Food & Fellowship**

Sunday night Food & Fellowship and youth group will begin on Sept. 17 at 5:00pm - plan to eat afterwards about 6:15. If you can make the Bible study or the meal or both, feel free to join us. We'll meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month throughout the fall. This fall the food and fellowship group will be digging into the topic, "What is the Bible?" The Reformation was initiated 500 years ago with the slogan sola Scriptura. Scripture is the foundation of our knowledge of God and God's ongoing communication to us today. So what is the Bible? How did we get it? Can we trust the Bible's authority in today's world? How do we interpret and apply the Bible faithfully in our world today? How do we navigate disagreements about the Bible? We'll engage these questions and more throughout our study this fall.

### **Adult Education**

You go to Fourth Reformed Church, so you are Reformed! But what does that even mean? On Sept. 10, Adult Education will begin a 4-week series examining the Canons of Dort (which you can find online at <https://www.rca.org/resources/canons-dort>). This early controversy in the Reformed Church revolved around the centrality of God's grace in our salvation. Come and join us to see how theological controversies from 400 years ago are still deeply relevant to our daily walk with Christ!

# Fourth Reformed

A Community Redeemed  
to Redeem Our Community



Seeking to be a joyful, welcoming community that is transformed by the gospel, nurtured in God's Word, and led by His Spirit to redeem the city and beyond.

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