

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

23 December 2018

Welcome! Thanks for coming. 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.

Today we will see how Jesus enters into the most inhospitable place possible in order to bring joy and hospitality to us.

Order of worship

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Worship Team

Welcome

Call to Worship

Singing *The First Noel*

The Christmas Express Pre-K to 8th Grade

***A special thanks to ALLTHE HIGH SCHOOLERS for their time devoted to set design, set up, and take down.

Advent Wreath

Prayer

Message **Radical Hospitality 4 - Out of Egypt**
Dr. Branson Parler *Matthew 2:13-23 (p.934)*

Our Giving *Go Tell It On the Mountain*
Mission Offering for the Boehms

Benediction



This week at **Fourth**

Today **Nursery** *Nancy Aukeman, Becky Tubergen*
Next week: Nancy Brinks, Beth Rossiter
Christmas Day: N. Aukeman, D. Faasse

Children's Worship *Will not meet today.*
Next week: Melissa Schalk, Ellie, Kara

Greeters *Dave & Julie Gleason*
Next week: Ralph & Lynn Simone
Christmas Day: Ken & Amy Coeling

Coffee *Don & Betsy Coutchie*
Tom & Norma Boehm
Next week: Mike & Suzanne Bolt
Jeff & Erin Broene (oliebollen)

11:15 AM **Christian Education** *brief gathering*
5:00 PM **Potluck & Singing**

Tuesday 10:00 AM **Christmas Day Service**

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** *at New Beginnings*

Thursday 10:00 AM **Prayer Shawl Ministry** *at Rest Haven*

Announcements

Family Meeting Update

Last Sunday, Tim Brinks, Ryan Faasse and Jeff Broene were selected as deacons and Kurt Faasse, Aaron Wetzel and Steve Wammack were selected as elders. They will be ordained/installed on Sunday, January 6. We spent time talking about the nomination process, and some potential changes for next year. We also reviewed and approved the 2019 budget, and discussed an opportunity to share our facility on Sunday with a Congolese congregation. If you missed the meeting and have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Eric, or a member of consistory.

New Member Class

Starting January 10 at 7 pm, we will be having a new members class. We'll meet three Thursdays in a row to talk about theology, our denomination, and what it means to be a part of the Fourth family. If you're new, a long-time visitor, or just want a refresher, sign up today!

Mission of the Month - Jeff & Lisa Boehm, Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Fourth family, When we step back and look at the roots of our calling to be missionaries in Thailand, we see that our connection to you runs deep. Jeff grew up among you, we have lifelong friendships with you, and our relationship continues to edify our family - we hope that you are also edified through our partnership in ministry! Thank you for your faithful care and prayer for both our family and the ministry in Thailand. We wish you a happy new year, and we look forward to connecting with you in person this coming summer. In Christ, Jeff & Lisa

(Our offering for the Boehms will be received this morning.)

Christian Education Update

The CE classes will meet briefly today and not next Sunday. Classes will resume on January 6.

Men's Bible Study

The men's Thursday evening study will begin the book of Judges beginning at 7 pm, January 3.

Potluck and Christmas Carols

All are welcome this evening at 5 pm for a potluck followed by a time of singing Christmas songs together here at the church.

Appreciation

Thank you so much for your partnership in the Gospel through your church coming alongside of my ministry here in Ecuador! Through your gifts and prayers, God is bringing students into a relationship with Himself and growing in their faith! Thanks for being a part of bringing God's kingdom to Ecuador! - JJ Meadows.

Creston Area Combined Church Service

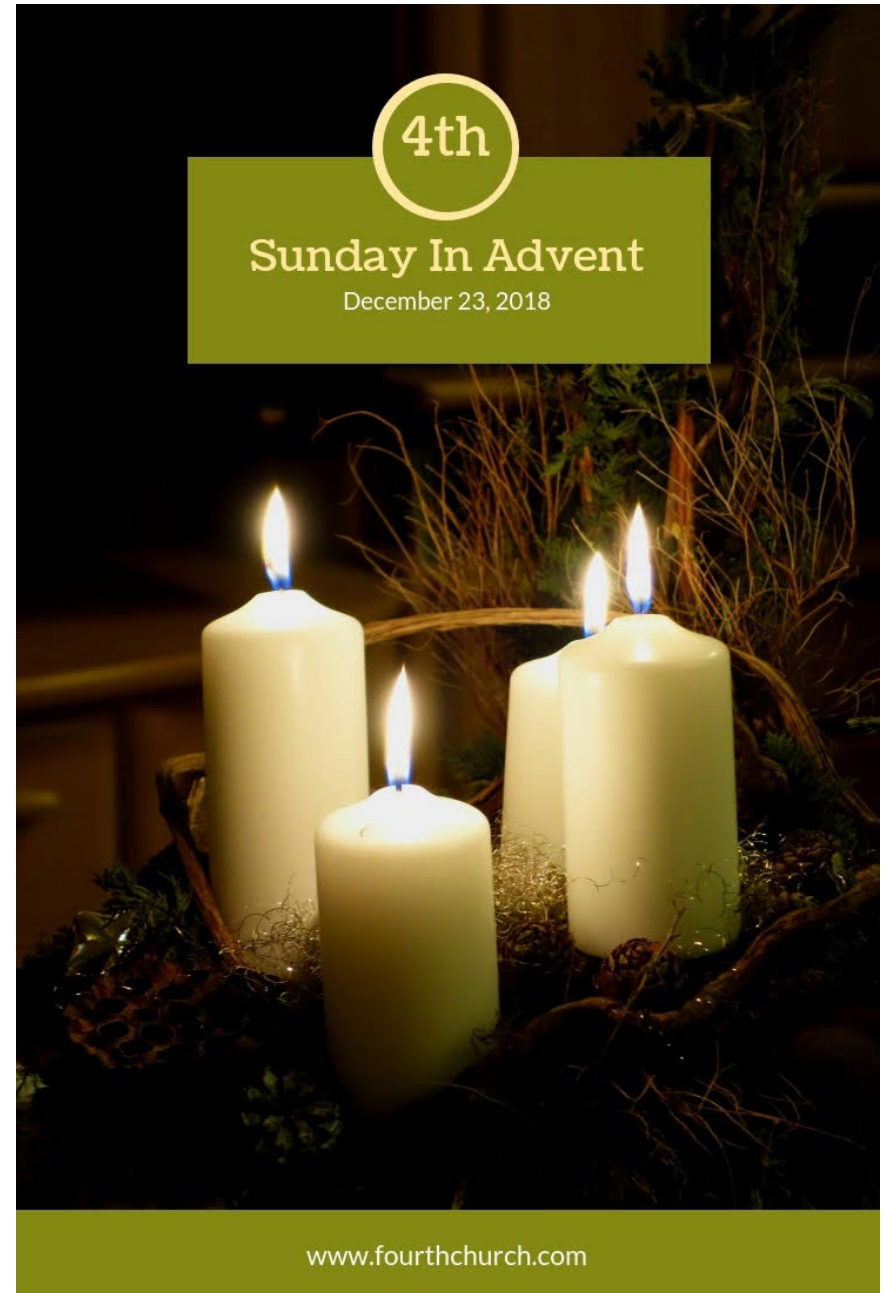
Next Sunday, December 30 at 6:30 pm, we are invited to New City Church for a combined year-end worship service. We will enjoy a time of singing, and then an open mic to share stories of God's faithfulness throughout the year. The service will end with communion, and a time of fellowship with cookies. This is another great chance to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in our neighborhood.

Thank You

Jerry & Connie Wierenga send their thanks and appreciation for the Christmas cards they received.

The Gospel Comes with a House Key

The first Sunday in January, our adult ed class will begin reading through the book *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* by Rosario Butterfield. This study will invite us to continue reflecting on radical hospitality, which sees our homes as not our own, but as God's tools for the furtherance of his kingdom as we welcome those who look, think, believe, and act differently from us into our everyday, sometimes messy lives—helping them see what true Christian faith really looks like. Please sign up on the back table. The cost for the book is \$10, but see Branson if the cost would prohibit you from attending.



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Sunday In Advent

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