

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

27 January 2019

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 as we look at the letter to the church at Smyrna, we will see how looking to Jesus is essential to help us embrace suffering, and even death, for the sake of the gospel.

Order of worship

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| Prelude <i>Worship Team</i> | <i>Yes and Amen</i> |
| Welcome | |
| Call to Worship | |
| Singing | <i>Jesus Messiah The Servant King My Savior's Love</i> |
| Prayer | |
| Our Giving | <i>Always Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i> |
| Calvin Prison Initiative | |
| Kingdom Prayers | |
| Duet <i>Aaron Wetzel & Julie Schalk</i> | <i>Even If</i> |
| Message <i>Dr. Branson Parler</i> | Faithful in Suffering <i>Revelation 2:8-11 (p.1192)</i> |
| Singing | <i>It is Well With My Soul</i> |
| Benediction | |

This week at Fourth

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| Today | Nursery | <i>Sandy Moll, Lynn Simone Next week:MK Townley, Scott Schalk</i> |
| | Children's Worship | <i>Amy Coeling, Jaidyn, Megan Next week:Sydney, Erin, Ruby, Addie</i> |
| | Greeters | <i>MK Townley, Marty Berthiaume Next week:Dianne Waterloo, Sandy Moll</i> |
| | Coffee | <i>Barb Funckes, Beth Rossiter Eric & Julie Schalk Next week:S. Newman, E. Denbesten Gideon & Taylor Eising</i> |
| | 11:00 AM 11:15 AM 5:00 PM | Kids Praise Team Christian Education <i>for all ages</i> Youth Group |
| Monday | 5:30 PM | GEMS Leader's Meeting |
| Tuesday | 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study <i>in fireside room</i> |
| Wednesday | 6:30 AM | Men's Bible Study <i>at New Beginnings</i> |
| Thursday | 10:00 AM 7:00 PM | Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>at Rest Haven</i> Men's Bible Study <i>in fireside room</i> |
| Saturday | 7:00 AM | Parent's Prayer Gathering |

Praise & Prayer

Sandy Gleason had hip surgery this past week, and is now rehabilitating at Marywood. Pray for healing for Sandy's hip, and that the pain she is experiencing would be manageable.

Continue to pray for **John Bills** as he recovers from hand surgery. Pray that the tendon would heal correctly and pray for peace as he is not able to do much while he heals.

Pray for the family of **Jean Stadt** as they grieve her passing. Pray for comfort and peace as they experience sorrow over the loss of their mother, and yet celebrate that she is in the presence of Jesus. Visitation and funeral will be held at 4th Church on Tuesday. Visitation at 11 am and the funeral at noon, followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

Announcements

Calvin Prison Initiative (CPI)

This morning we will hear from CPI's Co-Director, Todd Cioffi. Join him also in the fireside room during the CE time.

Next Sunday

Megan McDowell will make profession of faith. We look forward to welcoming Megan as a member of Christ's body!!! We will also celebrate communion next Sunday. Throughout the next week spend time reflecting on the grace you've received from Jesus, and ask God to fill you with gratitude for the mercy he's given. Our communion offering will be for the Calvin Prison Initiative.

Mission of the Month - Words of Hope

Thank you for your financial gifts totaling \$1,028.70 in support of what God is doing in Iran through WOH. Please keep the staff of WOH and the people of Iran in your prayers. Iran is 99% Muslim, 1% Christian. The church in Iran is currently the fastest growing church in the world.

Kids Hope USA

Pizza Luncheon with our students will be held on February 13 from 11:15 to noon at the school. Mentors, substitutes and prayer partners, if you're able to attend please make your reservation.

GEMS

There is a snack sign-up out for our GEMS. Check to see if there is a Monday you can help them out and provide treats.

Murder Mystery Dinner

Join us for a Murder Mystery Dinner and Fundraiser February 9 at Fourth for Fourth Church and Creston CRC youth groups. Doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:30. Tickets are \$25. Childcare is provided for ages 8 and under if you reserve a spot! Dinner will be provided for the kids. To buy tickets, call 989.251.3224 or email fourthyouthgroup@gmail.com. For more information, see the poster on the sign-up table or talk to Sam and Kristi Dennis.

Kuyper Triple Bottom Line Contest

Kuyper College is hosting their 5th annual Triple Bottom Line Business Idea Contest for high school students on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 pm. All high school students are eligible to apply in teams of 1-4 students with a chance to win up to \$3,000. It is a "shark-tank" style contest where students learn how a business idea can move from a single bottom line profit; to a triple bottom line based on: people, planet and profit. For more information, visit kuyper.edu/contest.

Catherine's Health Center is accepting new patients! They offer primary medical care as well as behavioral health and counseling, diabetic eye exams, women's health services, health promotion and disease prevention education, and assistance with obtaining health insurance. They accept Medicaid, Medicare, and some commercial health plans. If you or someone you know is looking for medical care, please call their office for more information at (616) 336-8800.

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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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