

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship our Lord and King

1 March 2020

Welcome! Thanks for coming. Also, thank you for your patience as we meet in the fellowship hall while our sanctuary goes through a renovation.

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and also marks the end of our week of fasting. This past week we've seen God move in some incredible ways in the hearts and lives of people, as God continues his process of making us like Christ. As the Spirit moves, we should anticipate the enemy to respond, so today we're going to focus on the battle before us to examine how God calls us to ready ourselves with the armor he provides.

Order of worship

Prelude	<i>This Is Amazing Grace</i>
<i>Worship Team</i>	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>King of My Heart</i> <i>Who You Say I Am</i> <i>How Great Is Our God</i>
Prayer	
Our Giving	<i>Before the Throne of God Above</i> <i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message	Embodying the Gospel #22 "The Battle Before Us" <i>Ephesians 6:10-18 (pg. 1137)</i>
<i>Pastor Eric Schalk</i>	
Communion	<i>Lord, I Need You</i> <i>How Deep The Father's Love For Us</i>
Singing	<i>Resurrecting</i>
Benediction	

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Nursery	<i>Beth Rossiter, Julie Gleason</i> <i>Next week: Erin Broene, Beka McDowell</i>
	Children's Worship	<i>Beau McDowell, Addie, Eliana</i> <i>Next week: Erin Berrevoets, Ruby, Neveah</i>
	Greeters	<i>Steve & Jeni Wammack</i> <i>Next week: Kevin & Kandi Zeller</i>
	Coffee	<i>Mike & Becky Berrevoets</i> <i>Ralph & Lynn Simone</i> <i>Next week: Eric & Laura O'Brock</i> <i>Don & Betsy Coutchie</i>
	11:00 AM 11:15 AM - Noon	Kids Praise Team Christian Education
Monday	6:00 PM	GEMS
Tuesday	10:00 AM 6:30 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>
	8:00 PM	Consistory Meets
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry <i>at Rest Haven</i>

Praise & Prayer

Tim Randall is home after his lengthy stay in the hospital. We praise God for providing for the Randall family, and we ask that you continue to pray for healing and strength as Tim recovers.

We praise God and give thanks with the Brinks family as **Jon** had an encouraging and informative appointment with an immunologist on Wednesday! He is trying new meds and will soon be part of a new test group for allergies. Pray for continued improvement and healing.

Kristi Dennis had test results return which helps explain her inability to sleep well. Pray with new treatment she will be able to have better rest in the months ahead and her pain levels will decrease.

Announcements

Fourth Guatemala Team

The mission of the month offering will be going to support the team from Fourth going to Guatemala this summer from July 11-18. The team has 20 members from Fourth who will be serving alongside Gary and Rachel De Leon, our missionaries in Guatemala. Our team will be working with the Tava Project, which is working to coming alongside the many people displaced by a volcano eruption in the summer of 2018. The Tava Project is a holistic ministry, seeking to provide spiritual development, social and recreational needs, and career empowerment. Our team needs \$36,000 to fund this trip, where we will get the chance to see just how big God is and have the chance to serve and develop relationships with those in Guatemala. Thanks to generous donors, a grant, and fundraising efforts, we already have \$18,965 raised. Praise God we are over 50% of the way there already! That leaves us with almost \$18,000 to go. Please lift our team up in prayer and give generously to support this mission trip! The offering will be received March 15.

(Gary is in Grand Rapids this week, so we welcome him this morning as he gives a brief update.)

Guatemala Fundraiser

Parents: are you looking for a date night or just a little time away from the kids? The Guatemala team will host a childcare time at the church on Saturday, March 21, from 4-7 pm to raise funds for the Guatemala trip. Dinner will be provided for your kids. The suggested minimum donation is \$40. Sign up today!

Giving Update

January our Mission of the Month was Words of Hope. Thank you for your faithfulness in our mission offerings as \$1,504 was collected for this ministry. For our February Communion offering, \$305 was received for the Calvin Prison Initiative.

Kids Hope USA

Easter Party with our Kids Hope families will be held on Wednesday, April 1 from 6 - 8 PM. Kids Hope volunteers, please be sure to save the date!

Reminder

Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend!

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower is being planned for Haju Kim on Thursday, April 2. If anyone would be willing to help with preparations, please see Sarah Parler or Erin Broene.

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