

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

28 August 2022

Welcome! If you are visiting this morning, we're glad to have you with us today.

This morning we'll combine the table of nations in Genesis 10 with the Tower of Babel to contemplate how humanity was already veering off course once again. As we look at these stories, we'll see that how we view God makes a big impact on how we see ourselves.

Prelude *Here I Am to Worship*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Forever*
Shout to the Lord

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Sovereign Over Us*

Kingdom Prayers

Profession of Faith – Addie McDowell
Special Song *Pride of a Father*

Message **IN THE BEGINNING: BABEL**
Rev. Eric Schalk GENESIS 10:1 – 11:9 (p. 9)

Communion

Singing *Who You Say I Am*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Tom & Norma Boehm Next week: Nancy Aukeman, Phyllis Berrevoets
	Nursery	Nancy Aukeman & Kate Schalk Next week: Caren Schalk & Taylor Eising
	Coffee	Kongcheng & Haju Kimyang Next week: Ron & Marcia Schuur

Monday 6:00 PM **Gem's Pool Party** *at the Broene's*

Tuesday 10:00 AM **Women's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** - *New Beginnings* - Michigan St
6:00 PM **Family Fellowship**

Saturday 10:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** *in the Fireside room*

Praise & Prayer

In two weeks Bob Scherpenisse gets fitted for a walking boot. Pray that his foot will have healed well enough to get that boot, and that he can begin transitioning away from a wheelchair. Pray for Connie too as she takes great care of Bob.

Be in prayer for **Caryl Christians** as she continues to recover from pneumonia and Covid, and is also now dealing with Afib. Pray for healing and strength, and wisdom for those caring for her.

Pray for **Ayanfe's son Jahlani** who was admitted to the hospital two weeks ago with a major auto immune attack. Jahlani is currently in a coma, but showing signs of stabilizing. Pray for God to deliver a miracle.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

There are issues of persecution in India and two additional states in India enacted anti-conversion laws this year. These laws are said to protect vulnerable people from being forced into another religion, but in practice, they try to stop the spread of the Gospel. Recently, an Adult Literacy teacher named Magath and his mentor Bachint traveled to a church service in a neighboring village. During worship, local religious leaders stormed into the church, furious at these "outsiders" for coming to their village. Then, their yelling turned to beating, specifically targeting Bachint. By the time the anti-Christian extremists had left, Bachint had a fractured shoulder. It didn't end there. The extremists who assaulted Bachint and Magath were leaders appointed by an organized activist wing, and they filed a police report against their victims! On September 6, let's pray that the case against Bachint and Magath is dismissed and for doors to be opened for the Gospel in this village. Donations for Mission India can be given through the month of August.

Profession of Faith

Today we have the joy of celebrating Addie McDowell's profession of faith. We rejoice that she's received the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. Following the worship service, we'll celebrate with ice cream!

RCA Update

This past week the classis decided to speed up our process for leaving the RCA. We will have a special congregational meeting on Sunday, September 25, at noon to cast our votes. Pay attention to your email on Monday for more information.

Cran Hill Potluck

You are all invited to Cran Hill for a day of fun and fellowship on Saturday, September 3 with a potluck from 5 – 7 pm in the Ridgewood Pavilion. Please bring a dish or two to pass and your own place settings and beverages. If you plan to come for the day, please make sure you register at the front office and get a wristband. We hope you can join us! Please contact Suzanne Bolt if you have any questions.

Christian Education – Helpers Needed

As we think about closing out summer it's time to start thinking about Sunday school and Children's Worship. We have a lead teacher for each class in place already, but we are looking for people to come alongside each as a sub/alternate from time to time. We also need people willing to lead and assist in Children's Worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back for each of those things so please prayerfully consider stepping in to one of those roles.

GEMS Pool Party

GEMS Girls Club Pool Party at the Broene house on August 29th from 6:00-7:30 pm. GEMS is a club for Girls in 1st-8th grade. Our next meeting will be September 12th and we will be meeting every other Monday 6:00-7:30 pm. Contact Erin Broene or Sarah Parler if you have any questions.

Cadets

The Cadets boys program will be starting back up in September! The goal of Cadets is to help boys to grow in all areas of life – spiritual, mental, physical, and social (based on Luke 2:52). This is a combined club between Fourth Church and Coit Church and meets on Monday nights from 6:00 PM to 7:30 pm at Coit Church, located at 600 Lafayette NE. The program is designed for boys from 2nd grade through 8th grade. Our first meeting will be on September 12, the first Monday after Labor Day and we meet every Monday except the 4th Monday of each month. The cost is \$10 for the season (September through May). If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Jeff Broene at 616-862-5552.

High School Youth Group

I don't want to alarm you, so take a seat and a deep breath before you read on. Youth group will be starting on September 11 from 6:30-8:00pm. I know. It's hard to believe.

High School and Middle School CE

Starting on September 18, we'll be having our groups meet after church. This will be a great time for you to connect with leaders, each other and Jesus. More details soon!

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