

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

11 September 2022

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

As an epilogue to our sermon series "In The Beginning...", we'll look at how the Call of Abram is a New Beginning of sorts, but also a call for us today. And as we wrestle with decisions in our own church body, Abram gives us a glimpse into how to enter this new season of change as we cling to the hope of God's promises.

Prelude *10000 Reasons*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Come Thou Fount
Yes and Amen*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Jesus Paid It All*

Kingdom Prayers

Message *EPILOGUE – A NEW BEGINNING
Rev. Aaron Wetzel GENESIS 12 (p.11)*

Communion

Singing *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Dave & Richanda Bolt Next week: Jeff & Erin Broene
	Nursery	Erin Broene, Megan McDowell Next week: Suzanne Bolt, Eliana Parler
	Coffee	Brian & Becky Tubergen Next week: Steve & Jeni Wammack
	6:30 PM	High School Youth Group
Monday	6:00 PM	GEMS <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i> Fourth/Coit Cadets <i>at Coit Community Church</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM 6:00 PM	Dude's Group - <i>New Beginnings - Michigan St</i> Family Fellowship
Saturday	9:00 AM	Women's Passion Prayer <i>in the Fireside room</i>

Praise & Prayer

Pastor Eric and Julie left town on Friday, September 9 to attend a marriage retreat in Colorado. Pray for a great time of refreshing and spiritual growth.

We praise God that **Bob Scherpenisse** was able to get his walking boot this week, and is able to begin putting pressure on his foot!!! Bob and Connie would like to thank the congregation for the many prayers, words of encouragement, visits and cards over the past several weeks. What a blessing this has been for them.

Noreen Reitsma's sister, Audrey Van Eerden, died on Sept. 5 after a lengthy illness. Please support her family in prayer in the loss of a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and sister.

Persecution in **India** is on the rise, making India #10 for the most dangerous place for Christians. Pray for believers in India as they endure hardship and a growing threat to their faith.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Joel & Marilyn VanDyke

Joel writes "We are so thankful for the prayers and support of Fourth Church as vital partners in the work that the Lord has entrusted to us." Their busy summer months have included a Synergy conference in Guatemala, where they started their mission work, the I Am Art program at Lee Street and an Inspire conference in Chicago. Next week they are hosting an event to celebrate with their Hispanic neighbors and invite all of their supporters to attend! Pick up a flyer on the table in the narthex for more information. Please keep them in your prayers and consider supporting them through the offering plate or on our website through September.

RCA Update - On September 25 we will have a special congregational meeting where we will vote on leaving the RCA, to join the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Absentee ballots are available upon request. In order to accommodate members of classis who will be leading this meeting, we will eat lunch together at noon on the 25th. Church will provide Jimmy John sandwiches. We ask that you sign up on the back table to let us know if you'll be there that day, and if you're willing to bring a side dish or dessert.

Elder Report - This past week we had the privilege of meeting with Dan & Cindy Davis, and Zach Slotman, who requested to become members. We also had Kongcheng and Haju request baptism for Eden. We will formally welcome all of these folks to our church body in the coming weeks!

Help Us Celebrate - After church this morning, join us in the fellowship hall and help us celebrate Marty Berthiaume who will turn 90 years old on September 23! She is such a blessing to her family and her 4th family. Come help us celebrate this awesome woman of God!

Email List - Fourth Church has an email list we use to send out periodic prayer requests, and weekly e-blasts. If you're not on that list, but would like to be, please email the front office at office@fourthchurch.com

Helpers Needed - We are in need of sub/alternate CE teachers and people willing to lead and assist in Children's Worship. If you're able to help, please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex. Questions? See Amy Baragar

GEMS is a club for girls in 1st-8th grade. We will be meeting on September 12 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm and we'll meet every other Monday after that. Contact Erin Broene or Sarah Parler if you have any questions.

Cadets - The combined Fourth/Coit Cadets will begin on September 12 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Coit Church, located at 600 Lafayette NE. The program is designed for boys from 2nd-8th grade. 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 tonight, 6:30pm. The basement. Let's do this.

Middle School Youth Group - Next Sunday, September 18, we're getting the dance crew back together for another night of middle school fun. Bring your legs. We'll handle the music.

Adult CE Class - The Great Commission: 'go and make disciples!' Jesus said. Cool. But where? When? What do I need to know first? Don't I need a degree...or something official before I start that? How do I do that with all the other stuff I have to do? What does discipling someone even look like? These are the questions that we'll be discussing in this fall's Adult Christian Ed time. If you've ever felt unqualified, under-gifted, or overwhelmed by the idea of being a mentor and disciple maker, this time is for you. See you September 18th during the CE hour to introduce the study book, The Ways of the Alongsider, and get underway. Books are \$10 each and strongly recommended, but not required. Please see Kristi Dennis with any questions.

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