

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

**27 November 2022**

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

On this first Sunday of Advent, we will start our Advent series, "Christ is Light." In our text for today, we will see how Jesus brings the light of life into the midst of our darkness, and our call to be witnesses of that light and life in our own lives.

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Prelude *How Great Is Your Love*  
*Worship Team*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (p. 133)*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High (p. 132)*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Joy to the World (p. 125)*

Advent Wreath

Kingdom Prayers *Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3*

Message **THE LIGHT OF THE LORD'S LIFE**  
*Dr. Branson Parler* JOHN 1:1-14 (P. 1027)

Communion

Singing *Go, Tell It on the Mountain (p. 138)*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	Eric & Laura O'Brock Next week: Gideon & Taylor Eising
	<b>Nursery</b>	Amy Coeling, Josh Schalk Next week: Jeni Wammack, Breanna Tubergen
	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Jeff Broene; Next week: Sarah Parler
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	Amy Baragar, Henry Coeling, Nevaeh Bills Next week: Becky Tubergen, Cindy Davis
	<b>Coffee</b>	Mike & Suzanne Bolt Next week: Mike & Nancy Brinks
	11:15 AM	<b>Christian Education Classes</b>

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

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**Wednesday** 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** - *New Beginnings - Michigan St*

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## Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for all of those who are ill right now. Pray that family members would remain healthy, and that God would provide quick healing.

Please pray for **Suzanne Bolt** who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is scheduled for surgery on December 29. Pray that Suzanne and the family would be filled with peace as they await the surgery date.

Pray for **Betsy Couthie and family** as Betsy's mother passed away on November 18. Pray that God would grant them comfort and peace in this season of mourning.

**Tim Randall** was hospitalized last week with an apparent infection that had caused his blood pressure to drastically drop. He has since stabilized and is doing much better. Continue to pray for the Randalls as they patiently wait for answers.

Pray for **Dianne Waterloo** as she awaits hip replacement surgery in December. Pray that God would provide a surgery opening sooner, so she can get on the road to recovery.

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## Announcements

### Elder/Deacon Ballots & Congregational Meeting

Be sure to return your Elder/Deacon Recognition Ballots TODAY! Place them in the box located on the sign up table. Additional ballots are also available on the table. Our congregational meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 11 after the morning worship service.

**Missionaries of the Month: The Jeff and Lisa Boehm Family,  
Bangkok Thailand**



A word from the Boehms.  
Psalm 1:3 (NLT) "We want to see the people delight in the way of the Lord and become . . . like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit in each season."  
Together, we are contributing to the transplanting of lives to God's riverbank and teaching them to bear fruit for Christ as we work to **equip**,

**send out, and support more Thai nationals in Kingdom ministry.** We thank you for your **partnership** in making disciples of Jesus in Thailand! Donations for the Boehm family can be given through the end of November.

**Adult Christian Education: How (Not) to Talk about Jesus**

Who is Jesus? How can we talk about him faithfully and biblically, understanding that he is both human and divine? For three weeks in Advent (Nov. 28, Dec. 4, Dec. 18), we'll be looking at how the early church wrestled with talking about Jesus, and how the Bible's teaching was summarized in the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds.

**Ministry Partner Forms**

If you have not turned your Ministry Partner form yet, please drop it off in the front office this week, or email it to [office@fourthchurch.com](mailto:office@fourthchurch.com). If you need a new form, they are available on the sign up table in the narthex.

**Youth Retreat**

Thank you so much for all of the help with this retreat, through your gifts and all of your massive prayer! It was an incredible weekend to be our kids and spend that time drawing closer to Jesus as a group. Thanks, also, to the amazing leaders who gave up a weekend to help pull this off. You guys rock. It truly is a blessing to be a part of this community of believers!

**HS and MS Youth**

There is no programming this week. No CE/Small groups or Sunday night program. Enjoy your weekend off and we'll be back in action next week!



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

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