

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

18 December 2022

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

This morning we'll look at the familiar story of the birth of Jesus and through it contemplate the light of the Lord's glory entering our world.

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>O Come, All You Unfaithful</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing (p. 133)</i> <i>What Child is This? (p. 137)</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel (p. 123)</i>
Baptism – Caleb Emet Eising	
Advent Wreath	
Kingdom Prayers	<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Message <i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i>	THE LIGHT OF THE LORD'S GLORY LUKE 2:1-20 (P. 992)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Doxology</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Bill & Marty Pyper Next week: Bob & Connie Scherpenisse
	Nursery	Wendy Wetzel, Nevaeh Bills Next week: Becky Tubergen, Nancy Aukeman
	Scripture Reader	Erin Broene; Next week: Jeni Wammack
	Children's Worship	Amy & Henry Coeling, Ruby Parler Next week: No Class
	Coffee	Micah & Erin Meendering Next week: No coffee time
	11:15 AM	Christian Education Classes Middle & High School small groups
	6:30 PM	High School Youth Group
Monday	6:00 PM 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	Dude's Group - <i>New Beginnings - Michigan St</i>
Saturday	9:00 AM	Women's Passion Prayer <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>

Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for **Dianne Waterloo** as she recovers from hip replacement. Pray that the lingering pain would go away quickly and that she would regain strength and mobility.

Continue to pray for **Suzanne Bolt** and the family as they await surgery on December 29 to treat her breast cancer.

Pray for comfort for those who are wrestling with grief, loneliness and mental health struggles this time of year. Pray that the peace of Christ will dwell in them richly.

Announcements

Baptism

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Caleb Emet Eising. We look forward to welcoming Caleb as a covenant member of the body of Christ.

Christmas Day Service

We will gather together on Christmas Day at 10am for worship. Come with a joyful heart to celebrate Christ our Lord who has come, and is coming again!

Missionaries of the Month: The de León Family

We ask that you pray for what awaits us in Spain: for a place for us to rent, a good school for the kids, and for our new ministry with refugees there. The unknown is sometimes stressful, but we know that God will pave the way for us and open doors along this path. We are certain of that because we have seen it many times throughout this missionary journey. He has never failed to provide for us! It is a blessing that we already speak Spanish, which will be a huge advantage for us and will allow us to settle in more smoothly. Although we are not required to learn another language, we started taking French classes because many of the refugees come from French colonized countries in Africa. While it will be helpful to have language to communicate with them, the purpose of the ministry is to help them integrate into Spanish society. The refugees we will be working with are coming from various countries and regions such as Ukraine, North Africa, and the Middle East. We are grateful for the opportunity to be able to work with the local team there and learn from them. Donations for the de León family can be given anytime during the month of December.

Christmas Cards

As Christmas fast approaches, we want to encourage you to mail out cards to those in our body who are not able to join us for worship. Let's spread some joy this season by blessing members of our church who are currently shut in.

Thank You

Many thanks to my sisters and brothers for the expressions of sympathy, cards, prayers and hugs. My mom was a huge influence in my life and will be mourned. I am grateful for you - Betsy

Women's Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study group will not be meeting on December 27.

High School Youth Group

Tonight, even if the weather outside is frightful, we'll hang out at youth group and it will be delightful. We'll be celebrating Christmas with an awesome night of fun. Bring a \$10 silly/goofy present, wrapped up nicely for our gift exchange. We'll go from 6:30-8:00. See you there!

Middle & High School Small Groups

Today we'll meet for our final small groups of the year. We'll pick back up next year on January 8.



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