

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

16 April 2023

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

We're going to stay in the Gospel of Mark for the rest of the spring season. This morning, we're circling back to Mark 11 to look at the story of Jesus curing the fig tree and cleansing the temple.

Prelude	<i>Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God</i>
<i>Worship Team</i>	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>We Believe</i> <i>Before the Throne of God Above</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>No Longer Slaves</i>
Kingdom Prayers	<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
Message	A FIG TREE WITHOUT FRUIT MARK 11:12-21 (P. 981)
<i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i>	
Communion	
Singing	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Dave & Judy Portinga Next week: Jeff & Erin Broene
	Nursery Julie Gleason, Erin Meendering Next week: Jeni Wammack, Breanna Tubergen
	Scripture Reader Kristi Dennis; Next week: Taylor Eising
Children's Worship	Suzanne & Jack Bolt, Ruby Parler Next week: Jaidyn Bolt, Eliana Parler
	Coffee Aaron & Wendy Wetzel, Nancy Springfield Next week: Ed & Noreen Reitsma
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
5:00 PM	Prayer & Potluck
6:30 PM	Youth Group Off-Week at the Wetzel's house
Monday	6:00 PM Fourth/Coit Cadets at <i>Coit Community Church</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM Women's Bible Study in the <i>Fireside room</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings</i> – <i>Michigan St</i>
Thursday	10:00 AM Knitting Group at <i>Rest Haven</i>
Friday	7:00 PM Praise & Worship Night in the <i>sanctuary</i>
Saturday	9:30 AM Foundry Leadership Training – <i>Fellowship Hall</i>

Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for **Dianne Waterloo** as she battles cancer. Pray for strength and resilience as she undergoes chemotherapy, and pray that the tumor would shrink.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: de León family

We have a few prayer requests as we settle into our new community: First, please pray for acculturation. The culture in Spain is very different from Guatemala. In Guatemala, people are very warm and receptive to newcomers, but here we are learning that you need to earn one's trust first. Next, we need prayers for our ministry. Christ's church in Spain is suffering, and atheism continues to spread rapidly. Many of the churches in our area have a majority of foreign immigrants rather than native-born Spaniards. Not only will we be focused on reaching out to refugees, but we will also be working to spread God's word in this country. In addition, we are asking for prayers for Emma, Gary's mother. She just completed her last round of chemo, and we are praising God for this! She has a week of radiation at the end of April, and Gary is hoping to be there for her as she receives this last treatment. Lastly, please pray for us as we face a new culture that is less receptive to religion, and for God to help us to be a light in the darkness. Donations for the de León family can be given anytime during the month of April.

Gardner's Update

The weeds are growing! And soon our plants will be growing too! This morning you will hear more about exciting plans for The Gardens and how you can participate.

Youth Group Off-Week

Tonight, we'll be meeting at the Wetzel's house for a night of hanging out together. We'll meet from 6:30-8:00. Hope to see you all there!

Praise & Worship Night

Plan to join us this Friday, April 21, at 7 PM for a night of Praise & Worship at Fourth. Come and praise the Lord together! Pick up a flyer in the narthex and invite your friends.

Foundry Church Leaders Training - April 22

This Saturday, April 22, from 9:30am-12:30pm, The Foundry will be offering another Church Leaders Training time here at Fourth. The focus this session is on the Bible: what is the Bible? How do we serve the Bible's agenda rather than making it serve our own? How do we teach the Bible to others? This training is for elders, deacons, any ministry volunteers, and staff, as well as their spouses.

GEMS

Our GEMS season has been so fun! It is wrapping up with our last two meetings on April 24 and May 8. On May 8 we will celebrate all the girls have learned with the end of the year celebration. This will include our "GEMS store" where the girls can purchase prizes with the points they have earned over the year. We are seeking donations toward our store. Items we are looking for are; crafty things, water bottles, temporary tattoos, fun girl bedroom decorations (pillows, frames, pictures, girly wall art etc.), small games etc. Please give to Erin Broene or call her at 616-822-2926 to arrange. Sunday, May 7 will be our GEMS Sunday. An offering will be taken for GEMS headquarters that day. There may be new families visiting to cheer on their daughter.

Adult Christian Education - *Every Body's Story*

What are bodies for? When it comes to sexual ethics, we often focus on hot-button issues. But every body tells a story. Our bodies are part of much bigger stories, whether that is the gospel or some other story our culture tells. Class begins next week and runs through May 21. Branson will lead us through 5 weeks of engaging his book *Every Body's Story: Six Myths about Sex and the Gospel Truth about Marriage and Singleness*. If you need a copy of the book, you can get one from Branson for \$15.

Lost & Found

In addition to the lost and found items in the hallway by the library, we have collected a watch, bracelet, necklaces, rings and car keys that have been in the office and unclaimed for quite some time. If you've lost any of these items, please stop by the office today immediately after the worship service, and have Mary Kay show you what has been found to see if it might be yours!

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