

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

20 August 2023

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

This morning we welcome Clarence Stamps, Pastor of Indwelling Community Church, who will lead us in worship.

Friendship is a loosely related idea in modern culture, but not in the eyes of James to his audience. Through his stern words, the Church is encouraged to remove their friendship with the world in favor of a better friendship, union and engagement that comes only through the Gospel.

Prelude *Christ Be Magnified*  
*Worship Team*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *Oh You Bring*  
*The Church's One Foundation*

Prayer of Confession

Confession Song *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **A FAITHFUL ENGAGEMENT**  
*Pastor Clarence Stamps* JAMES 4:1-6 (P. 1174)

Communion

Singing *Lord, I Need You*

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> Dan & Cindy Davis Next week: Don & Betsy Coutchie
	<b>Nursery</b> Jeni Wammack, Breanna Tubergen Next week: Becky Berrevoets, Alexis Bolt
	<b>Scripture Reader</b> Steve Wammack; Next week: Kristi Dennis
	<b>Coffee</b> Bill & Marty Pyper Next week: Eric & Julie Schalk; Caren Bills

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

**Wednesday** 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*  
5:00 PM **Garden Work (5-6) & Potluck (6 pm)**

**Thursday** 10:00 AM **Knitting Group** *at Rest Haven*

**Saturday** 10:00 AM **GEMS/Cadet Flyers distributed to neighbors**

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## Praise & Prayer

We give praise that **Dianne Waterloo** has completed her chemo treatments! The next step is a CAT scan on 8/21 which will hopefully show what the chemo did to the tumor. An appointment on 8/28 with the P.A. will give the next step for treatment. Prayers are appreciated for these appointments.

**Kendra Berthiaume** had a procedure this week on her pancreas and will have a follow up CT scan in a couple of weeks. Please pray for continued healing, and for her and Tyler as they care for Colton.

Continue to pray for **Jan DeWeese** as she goes through cancer treatments. Pray that the treatments are effective in fighting the cancer!

## Announcements

### Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

Ephesians 6:18 says "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the Lord's people." Let's call on the name of Jesus on behalf of the suffering people of India that He would provide peace and comfort for the displaced, especially the women, children, and elderly. Let's support Mission India's help for those in relief camps who must decide how and where to rebuild their lives. A special offering for Mission India will be taken during the service next Sunday.

### Gardener's Update

We had a great time connecting with our neighbors on Wednesday! Thank you to everyone who came out! Make sure your calendars are marked for September 16th. This week three smaller projects you could do to help are:

1. Pick the grapes (let me know if you have interest)
2. Mulch the Rhubarb
3. Weed a section of raspberries

### Help Needed

Mark your calendars! August 26th, 10 am we will be taking some time to hand out flyers in the neighborhood for GEMS and Cadets. Last year we had a lovely time walking the neighborhood in groups and handing out flyers or leaving them at homes. We hope to have a good group and get the job done quickly.

### CranHill Potluck & Bonfire

You're invited to join our church families who will be camping at CranHill Ranch over Labor Day weekend for a potluck on Saturday, September 2 from 5-7pm. We would ask that every family please bring a dish to pass. We are also going to have a bonfire afterwards. Any questions can be directed to Marty Pyper.

### The Commissioning

On September 17, from 6-8pm, we'll be gathering in the sanctuary for a crazy night of fun for the whole family. 6 contestants will sit before the gathered masses in 1 contest of wills and comedic gold. Plan on joining us for this amazing night of shenanigans and buffoonery as we kick off the ministry year with some style.

### Opportunities to serve!

As we look to the fall, here are four areas where we need further help in our children's ministry. You can sign up for any of these on the table in the back foyer.

1. **Nursery reboot.** We need more nursery workers! We need to have two adults in the nursery at all times, and so we need everyone (including men!) to serve in this area. If you are older and feel uncomfortable being the main adult, please consider signing up to be a second adult presence and helper, even if you are limited in the direct care you can offer.
2. **Children's worship.** We need both leaders and helpers for our children's worship. This group is for kids ages 2 1/2 to 5 1/2. If you are willing to nurture faith in some of our youngest kids in this way, please sign up!
3. **Christian education.** If you would be willing to serve as an occasional teacher (once a month) to help give our regular teachers a regular rhythm of rest, sign up or talk to Amy Baragar.
4. **GEMS.** Our GEMS program needs at least two more women willing to help out. Last year we had a good group of girls from both the church and neighborhood. If you want to help build faith and introduce girls to Jesus, this is a great opportunity to serve. Please connect with Erin Broene or Sarah Parler to learn more!

### End of Summer Parade

Rest Haven Homes invites you to an End-of-Summer Parade on Friday, August 25, 2023 from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Parade starts at 6:30pm, don't forget your chairs! A free hotdog meal will be served near their Maintenance Barn from 5:30 – 6:30pm. A complimentary shuttle will run from our church parking lot to Rest Haven. Plan to join our neighbors for this fun event!

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

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