

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

1 October 2023

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

This morning we continue our series in James by looking at his instructions to the church regarding favoritism.

Prelude *This Is Amazing Grace*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Great is Thy Faithfulness (p. 43)*
Living Hope

Prayer of Confession

Singing *All I Have Is Christ*

Kingdom Prayers

Message JAMES: SHOWING FAVOR
Rev. Eric Schalk JAMES 2:1-13 (P. 1173)

Communion

Singing *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters Micah & Erin Meendering Next week: Sam & Kristi Dennis
	Nursery Betsy Coutchie, Norma Boehm, Kate Schalk Next week: Sarah & Eliana Parler, Nicole Donovan
	Scripture Reader Sam Dennis; Next week: Jeni Wammack
Children's Worship	Erin & Siena Broene Next week: Amy Baragar, Norma Boehm
	Coffee Bob & Lynn Berthiaume Next week: Dan & Cindy Davis, Nancy Aukeman
11:00 AM	Eising/Schuur Care Group <i>in Room 1</i>
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
5:00 PM	Prayer & Potluck

Monday 6:00 PM **Fourth/Coit Cadets** at Coit Community Church

Tuesday 10:00 AM **Women's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*
6:30 PM **Consistory Meets** *in the Fireside room*
8:00 PM **Elders Meet.** *Those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric prior to this meeting.*
8:00 PM **Deacons Meet**

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

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

Praise & Prayer

Mike and Nancy Brinks. Mike has been referred to U of M for a procedure and they are waiting to hear back on a date. Pray for God's protection and healing on them as they wait patiently for this vital procedure.

Dianne Waterloo continues to receive radiation treatments to shrink the tumor in her pancreas. Pray that the treatment would be successful, and pray against any side effects.

Continue to pray for **Marty Pyper** as she recovers from total hip replacement. Pray also for the family as they help her during the recovery.

Pray for **Kendra Berthiaume** as she continues to undergo treatments to heal her pancreas.

Pray for **Consistory** as they meet this coming Tuesday.

Announcements

Eising/Schuur Care Group Gathering – The Taylor Eising/Marcia Schuur care group is invited to meet for a time of connection and refreshments in Room One after church this morning. We look forward to seeing you there and spending some time together!

Missionaries of the Month: The Foundry – In late August, we launched our Institute of Ministry Leadership hub in Zeeland, Michigan, with 7 churches and 27 students participating. This is our 10-course Bible, theology, and ministry training for leaders at every level in the Alliance of Reformed Churches. There I met Brad. He's a roofer in his 30s with 3 small children who has sensed a call to ministry and is currently serving as Youth Director. He said, "What you guys are doing is perfect. I couldn't do ministry training any other way." It was a clear God moment, and several others said the same. We're grateful God has led us into a space where the church has need, and we're grateful for Brad and the many others who are faithfully taking steps to be further equipped to serve the church. Thanks for your support, which allows us to invest in these church leaders!

Prayer and Potluck – We will be starting up our Sunday evening prayer and potluck time again this evening. We will meet at 5 pm for prayer and 6 pm for a time of fellowship and eating. We're thankful that Caren Bills is again willing to provide child care during the prayer time.

Thank You – Brian & Hannah Townley wish to thank those who hosted and everyone who attended the Open House in celebration of their wedding. Your thoughtfulness, delicious desserts, cards and gifts were greatly appreciated!

Gardener's Update – October 21st is exactly one week closer than it was last week, so be sure it's on your calendar. Be on the lookout for a signup sheet for helping with the event! Also, continue to keep Union Gardens in your prayers, both in thanks for what has happened and faith for what will happen.

New Members Class – If you're interested in joining Fourth Church, or just want to find out a bit more about who we are, sign up for our New Members class. We'll figure out the exact days/times once we know who's interested.

Youth Reminder – Just a reminder for youth group students and parents, as well as leaders to return your completed yellow health forms that were handed out last week.

Marriage Getaway! Corinth Reformed Church has invited couples from Fourth to join them at their Marriage Getaway November 3-5, 2023, at the Courtyard Marriott in Bay City, MI. Could you and your spouse use some rest and relaxation? God designed marriage to be an amazing, rewarding, lifelong journey, and it is our prayer this Getaway will help you build a healthy, God-honoring marriage. The weekend includes live worship, guest speakers Brian & Becky Telzerow, and intentional times set aside to rest and enjoy your spouse! See full details and register at: <https://corinthreformed.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1883959>.

Foundry Class: Spiritual Formation and Discipleship – Want to grow in your knowledge and faith, as well as connect with other people? Jeff Fisher will be leading the next course, Spiritual Formation and Discipleship. This course introduces the biblical and theological principles of spiritual formation. Particular attention will be devoted to how individuals grow in deeper communion and intimacy with their triune God by cultivating a biblically balanced and healthy practice of spiritual rhythms. Learners will also focus on ways their own continual process of growth can contribute to Spirit-empowered transformation in others' lives. They will work to design a plan for healthy discipleship in their own contexts that is realistic, relevant, and responsive to God's grace. Classes will be held Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 28, and Dec. 12 from 12pm-3pm. The cost is \$250/person, but will be lower if we have more than 4 people from Fourth sign up to participate. You can register online at [this link](#).

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to **follow** Jesus together, **serve** others,
and **share** God's love.
