

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

15 October 2023

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

Our words have the power to bless or to curse. This morning we'll see what James says about the use of our tongue, and our need for the gospel to bring it under control.

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Prelude	<i>You Never Let Go</i>
<i>Worship Team</i>	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Sovereign Over Us</i> <i>Be Thou My Vision (p. 382)</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>I Surrender All (p. 366)</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message	JAMES: SPEAK LIFE <i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i> JAMES 3:1-12 (P. 1173)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Doxology</i>
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> Ron & Marcia Schuur Next week: Paul & Amy Baragar
	<b>Nursery</b> Erin Broene, Jaidyn Bolt Next week: Mary Kay Townley, Nancy Aukeman, Ruby Parler
	<b>Scripture Reader</b> Gideon Eising; Next week: Steve Wammack
	<b>Children's Worship</b> Caren Bills, Ruby Parler Next week: Don Coutchie, Kate Schalk
	<b>Coffee</b> Beth Rossiter, Kathy Burggraaf Next week: Kongcheng & Haju Kimyang
	11:00 AM <b>Eising/Schuur Care Group</b> in Room 1
	11:15 AM <b>CE Classes &amp; Middle &amp; High School Small Groups</b>
	5:00 PM <b>Prayer &amp; Potluck</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM <b>Fourth/Coit Cadets</b> at Coit Community Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM <b>Women's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM <b>Dude's Group</b> – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM <b>Knitting Group</b> <i>at Rest Haven</i> 10:00 AM <b>Men's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 AM <b>Parents in Prayer</b> 4:30 PM <b>Gardens Pumpkin &amp; Pizza Event</b>

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### Praise & Prayer

**Mike and Nancy Brinks.** Mike received word that he will meet with the doctors at U of M on October 24 so they can run more tests, and ensure he's a good candidate for surgery. Pray that God would heal and sustain Mike while he waits, and that surgery can be scheduled quickly so that Mike can return to health.

**Dianne Waterloo** continues to receive radiation treatments to shrink the tumor in her pancreas. Pray for continued strength and health as she's over halfway done.

**Tim Randall** went into the hospital this week and was diagnosed with an infection around his lungs. Pray for Tim, Dave & Linda as they patiently wait for Tim's body to recover.

Pray for **Kendra Berthiaume** as she continues healing from pancreatitis.

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### 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 today. We look forward to seeing you there and spending some time together!

**Missionaries of the Month: The Foundry** – Two Wednesdays a month we gather together in the Foundry room here at Fourth with our Ministry Formation cohort, which is made up of five ministry leaders in their 20s and early 30s from around west Michigan. This fall our cohort is focusing on the theme of being a non-anxious presence in a time of uncertainty. This is a small group of church staff leaders that we invest in significantly and walk with as they navigate the challenges of ministry today. Please pray for God's sustaining work in their life and wisdom as we continue to build up and equip them in this regular way. They (and we!) love the space that Fourth provides to dig deep in order to grow strong! Donations for The Foundry can be given anytime during the month of October, and a special offering will be taken for them on October 29 during the worship service.

**Elder / Deacon Recognition** – Information was placed in your mailboxes last week for elder and deacon recognition. You may recall that this is our process of praying in the Spirit to discern who God is calling to serve as an elder or deacon in the coming year. You'll find a brief letter explaining this more, along with a list of eligible people, and a ballot. Please return your ballot by Sunday, October 29.

**Prayer and Potluck** – Meets tonight. Prayer at 5pm in the Fireside room followed by a potluck at 6. Child care will be provided during the prayer time.

**The Gardens Free Pumpkins & Pizza Event!** This Saturday the 21st we will have free pumpkin carving and pizza! It will run from 4:30-6:30pm on the patio (weather permitting) and/or in the fellowship hall! Be sure to invite people from the neighborhood and come on out yourself for it. Also, be sure to keep the event in your prayers, and if you are able to help set up, clean up or during the event, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or let Gideon know some other way.

**Men** – A new study will be starting on Thursday, Oct. 19 at 10:00am. "Gentle and Lowly", a book written by Dane Ortlund which focuses on the heart of Christ based on Matthew 11:28-30. If interested contact Bob Scherpenisse.

**Youth Group Retreat** – On November 17-19, we'll be spending the weekend up at Cran Hill Ranch for our annual Fall Retreat. This year, we'll be thinking about what it means to be rooted in Christ. Join us for an awesome weekend of fun and growing together. Invite a friend! The cost is going to be \$35 per person. Get your forms turned in ASAP. Talk to Aaron or Abbie if you have any questions.

**Can and Bottle Drive** – The youth group is trying to raise money to support our fall retreat and if you'd like to bring your empty cans and bottles, we'd greatly appreciate it! Feel free to drop them off at the church and support a great experience for our kids!

**Women Doing Theology** – Do you feel like you have an underdeveloped theology of the Holy Spirit? Is this third person of the trinity more of a mystery to you than you would like? Come join Dr. Jessica Maddox and Sarah Behm four Wednesday afternoons – October 25, November 1, November 8 and November 15, 12:30 - 2:30pm at Fourth Church, Foundry living room. Smoothies provided so you don't have to think about lunch. \$200 registration fee, charged to your church. If you can't make all four sessions, it's ok! Contact sarahbehm@thefoundrygr.org with questions.

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

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