

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

22 October 2023

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

This week, we're going to continue to walk through James, unpacking and processing what it means to be a wise person and why wisdom is such a critical foundation to the Christian life.

Prelude *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *We Are God's People*
Be Thou My Vision (p. 382)
By Grace We Have Been Saved

Prayer of Confession

Singing *I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **JAMES: PUTTING THINGS TOGETHER**
Pastor Aaron Wetzel **JAMES 3:13-18 (P. 1174)**

Communion

Singing *Seek Ye First*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Paul & Amy Baragar Next week: Darold & JoAnn Parks
	Nursery Mary Kay Townley, Nancy Aukeman, Ruby Parler Next week: Abbie Schalk, Kara Berrevoets
	Scripture Reader Steve Wammack; Next week: Kristi Dennis
	Children's Worship Don Coutchie, Kate Schalk Next week: Cindy Davis, Liam Baragar
	Coffee Kongcheng & Haju Kimyang Next week: Marty Berthiaume, Eric & Julie Schalk
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
6:00 PM	Youth Group Meets

Monday 6:00 PM **GEMS** in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

Thursday 10:00 AM **Knitting Group** *at Rest Haven*
10:00 AM **Men's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*

Saturday 9:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** *in the Fellowship Hall*

Praise & Prayer

Mike and Nancy Brinks. Mike will be meeting with the doctors at U of M on Tuesday, 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 finishes her radiation therapy next week! Pray that God will work through these treatments to heal her body and restore her.

Tim Randall came home from the hospital last weekend, but ended up back there this week with feeding tube issues. Pray that they can get his feeding tube figured out, and pray for Dave & Linda who are exhausted.

Pray for **Deb Robinson** whose sister passed away unexpectedly this week. Please lift up Deb and her family this week as they grieve, and pray that God surrounds her family with the comfort of his presence.

Pray for **Kendra Berthiaume** as she continues the long road of healing from pancreatitis.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: The Foundry – Last March we launched an Institute of Ministry Leadership hub with Kingdom Network (former RCA) churches in the Kalamazoo area. This group of almost 30 learners from 8 churches is an energetic and enthusiastic group. Jeff and I (Branson) love teaching and engaging these folks! We teach at The Bridge, which is a church that has a huge heart to reach lost people for Jesus and has a ministry residency program aimed at developing current and future ministry leaders. Please pray that these learners will continue to have a fervent heart for Jesus and a passion to make him known! Donations for The Foundry can be given anytime during the month of October, and a special offering will be taken for them next Sunday during the worship service.

Elder / Deacon Recognition – Next Sunday, October 29, is the last day to return your ballots for elder and deacon. Please spend time prayerfully considering who God would have you recognize to serve on the leadership team of the church.

The Gardens – Thank you to everyone who came out and helped yesterday at the church for pumpkins and pizza! And thank you to the people who've helped with all the other things too. Be sure to be on the lookout for future events over the next months.

Pop and Bottle Fundraiser – Thanks so much for blessing the youth group with your donations! We are so grateful to have such a generous and kind church that cares so deeply about raising and equipping our kids! We'll continue to take cans and bottles until the end of October. Also, if you'd be blessed to simply donate some money for us to use for our retreat, we'd appreciate that so much, as well!

Youth Group – Tonight, from 6:00-8:00pm, we're going to get back together in the basement for another night of chaotic goodness. Wear some good old fashioned sneakers and plan for a great night!

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.

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.
