

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

8 October 2023

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

Rich Mullins once said that faith without works was like a screen door on a submarine. This morning we'll look at the second half of James 2, and see how we're called to a faith that produces works.

Prelude *Blessed Be Your Name*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Here I Am to Worship*
Great Are You Lord

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **JAMES: TWO PRONGED FAITH**
Rev. Eric Schalk **JAMES 2:14-26 (P. 1173)**

Communion

Singing *Speak, O Lord*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters	Sam & Kristi Dennis Next week: Ron & Marcia Schuur
	Nursery	Steve Wammack, Eliana Parler, Nicole Donovan Next week: Erin Broene, Jaidyn Bolt
	Scripture Reader	Jeni Wammack; Next week: Gideon Eising
	Children's Worship	Amy Baragar, Norma Boehm Next week: Caren Bills, Ruby Parler
	Coffee	Dan & Cindy Davis, Nancy Aukeman Next week: Kongcheng & Haju Kimyang
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
	6:00 PM	Youth Group

Monday 6:00 PM **GEMS** in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM **Fourth/Coit Cadets** at Coit Community Church

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

Saturday 9:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** in the Fireside room
9:30 AM **Church Leaders Training** in the Fellowship Hall

Praise & Prayer

Mike and Nancy Brinks. Pray that Mike would receive a procedure date from the U of M. Pray for stamina, good health, and patience while they wait.

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.

Pray for **Kendra Berthiaume** as she continues to undergo treatments to heal her pancreas. Pray for strength and encouragement through this long process.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: The Foundry – Three times a year, The Foundry leads a Church Leaders Training for leaders from churches around west Michigan, hosted here at Fourth. These 3-hour sessions are a time for learning and equipping around a variety of topics. Over the course of this year, all three days will be focused on marriage, singleness, sexuality and gender. It's crucial that church leaders are biblically rooted, culturally engaged, and pastorally prepared to navigate these topics in our culture today. Our first one will be this coming Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9:30am-12:30pm. Please pray that this will be a good time of learning and equipping for all involved.

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 on Sunday, October 15. We look forward to seeing you there and spending some time together!

Elder / Deacon Recognition – This morning you will find information in your mailboxes 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.

Thank You – Marty Pyper would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, meals and well wishes during her recent hip replacement surgery and recovery.

Prayer and Potluck – Meets next Sunday, October 15. Prayer at 5pm in the Fireside room followed by a potluck at 6. Child care will be provided during the prayer time.

Gardener's Update – The season for Union Gardens isn't over yet! There's a signup sheet in the back for the pumpkins event. If you can't help, please come out anyways. Please pray for this event too! Such things succeed through prayer.

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 – Tonight, from 6-8pm, in the basement. Be there or be square as the kids say, these days.

Pop Can Drive – If you're like me and you despise returning cans and bottles, please let Abbie do that wonderful work for you. You'll also have the added bonus of knowing that you are helping kids go to a retreat and really dig in with Jesus this year. Thank you!

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.
