

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

26 November 2023

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

What lasts? What is worth pursuing? What are we building? In our text today, we'll see biblical wisdom that calls us to a way of life that focuses on communion with God and one another.

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>Abide</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Great Are You Lord</i> <i>I Surrender All (p. 366)</i>

Prayer of Confession

Offering for The Boehm Family Singing	<i>Living Hope</i>
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Kingdom Prayers	<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>
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Message <i>Dr. Branson Parler</i>	TABLES IN THE MIST ECCLESIASTES 9:7-10 (P. 653)
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Communion

Singing	<i>Build My Life</i>
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Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters Tom & Norma Boehm Next week: Phyllis Berrevoets, Nancy Aukeman
	Nursery Becky Tubergen, Josh Schalk Next week: Julie Gleason, Mary Kay Townley
	Scripture Reader Sam Dennis; Next week: Jeni Wammack
	Children's Worship Eliana Parler, Clara Broene Next week: Erin & Violet Meendering
	Coffee Ron & Marcia Schuur Next week: Mike & Becky Berrevoets
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
5:00 PM	Prayer & Potluck

Tuesday	10:00 AM Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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Wednesday	6:30 AM Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
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Thursday	10:00 AM Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i>
	10:00 AM Men's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>

Praise & Prayer

Mike and Nancy Brinks will be heading back to the University of Michigan Hospital this upcoming week for Mike's surgery on the 30th. Please be in prayer for them as they anticipate a long day of surgery, and a long recovery. Pray also that Nancy would get relief from her leg and knee pain that she has been experiencing. There are still slots on the sheet in the back to sign up to pray for them on the 30th. Please help us cover them in prayer!

Tim Randall is still in the hospital after suffering numerous setbacks this week. The Randalls desperately need our prayer as they persevere through this long trial.

Bill Pyper is at home and recovering from surgery. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Continue to pray for **Dianne Waterloo** as she awaits a PET scan on December 8.

Pray for **Bob & Connie Scherpenisse** as Bob recently tore his meniscus. Pray that through therapy and medication they can get the pain under control, and that Bob would regain his mobility soon.

Pray for **Evelyn Ekkens** as she was in the hospital this week for testing after briefly losing consciousness. Pray for clear answers, and pray for safety for Evelyn.

Announcements

Small Groups

This January we are relaunching our small group ministry at Fourth! As believers in Jesus, we need each other, and small groups are a vital way for us to be connected to the body, while growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. We're still working out logistics, but if you are interested in joining a group, or even if you're on the fence, sign up today. If you're not interested, sign up anyway and take this as a sign that you're loved, valued and needed as part of this body.

**Missionaries of the Month: Jeff & Lisa Boehm Family,
YWAM Bangkok, Thailand**

Here is an update Jeff received from Jamorn who is currently part of a Discipleship Training School: *"I would like to thank teacher Noi, teacher Jeff, teacher Thewa, teacher Tukata and my brothers and sisters at Samyaek Church who have been alongside me on the journey to DTS. I thank God for everyone who supported me and who contributed money. Now I'm not lacking anything and doing very well, but sometimes I feel a weight inside me. I feel that God wants me to do something very serious. What I would like to ask of you is to pray for me regarding the things that God will reveal to me. Pray for me to be stronger and my faith and trust not fade or become weak. From the servant, Jamorn Somdee"* Thank you for continuing to make God known in Thailand through partnership with the Boehms in prayer, financial support and encouragement! You are welcome to take your offering to the front this morning or give it to the deacons as you leave.

Church Website – We are currently looking for someone to help update the church website. If you have gifts in this area, and are interested in helping, please talk to Pastor Eric.

Gardens Update - We are thankful and excited that the basketball court had lines painted on it this week, and we're thankful for the daily use it gets by those in our community!

Youth Group Retreat – This year's Rooted retreat was an amazing time with students and leaders digging in deep with Jesus. Thanks for your prayers and financial support to make this incredible weekend happen!

Rooted Off Campus – On December 9, all middle school and high schoolers are invited to join us for our first Off Campus. We'll be meeting at the church at 9:30 and be back to the church at around 2:00. This first Off Campus will be at ICCF (Inner City Christian Federation) where we'll learn about various ways that people are serving Jesus to build and maintain affordable housing in the Grand Rapids area. It's going to be awesome. Let Aaron or Abbie know if you're interested or talk to Aaron, Abbie or Jeni Wammack if you have any questions.

GEMS News

GEMS is looking for a few things for upcoming crafts if you are able to donate:

- old puzzles pieces if you have a puzzle that is missing a piece or two- probably bigger like a kids 100-piece puzzle
- small 4-ounce ball canning jars with lids and rings.

Please keep our GEMS girls and leaders in your prayers:

- While most girls list having a home church, that does not mean they are walking with the LORD. Pray that the Spirit will work in their hearts and they will receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- Pray for the JOY of the Lord to fill them. We have been noticing a lot of negativity and discouragement; pray against the Spirit of the Age to not rob them of their innocence and joy.
- After a full day of school, the girls are usually full of energy and leaders need the Lord to strengthen them with his grace and patience.

Library Notes – Does anyone have any used puzzles to donate to the library? It would be fun to have some on hand to swap and enjoy – no time limits! Puzzle donations can be left on the counter in the library!

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