

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

**3 December 2023**

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

This morning we kick off our Advent series entitled: Hope for a Weary World. We'll start today in the book of Isaiah, looking at the promise of hope God gives his people Israel, and we'll see how we have a similar promise of hope today.

Prelude <i>Worship Team</i>	<i>O Come, All You Unfaithful</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (p. 124)</i> <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel (p. 123)</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Silent Night! Holy Night! (p. 147)</i>
Advent Wreath <i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>	
Kingdom Prayers	
Message <i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i>	HOPE FOR A WEARY WORLD: HOPE IS PROMISED ISAIAH 9:1-7 (p. 671)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Doxology</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received following our worship service



## This week at **Fourth**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	Phyllis Berrevoets, Nancy Aukeman Next week: Dave & Richanda Bolt
	<b>Nursery</b>	Julie Gleason, Mary Kay Townley Next week: Jeni Wammack, Sarah Parler
	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Jeni Wammack; Next week: Gideon Eising
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	Erin & Violet Meendering Next week: Erin & Siena Broene
	<b>Coffee</b>	Mike & Becky Berrevoets Next week: Tom & Norma Boehm
11:15 AM	<b>CE Classes &amp; Middle &amp; High School Small Groups</b>	
6:00 PM	<b>Youth Group Meets</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	<b>GEMS</b> in the Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	<b>Fourth/Coit Cadets</b> at Coit Community Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> in the Fireside room
	6:30 PM	<b>Consistory Meets</b> in the Fireside room
	8:00 PM	<b>Elders Meet.</b> <i>Those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric prior to this meeting.</i>
	8:00 PM	<b>Deacons Meet</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> in the Fireside room
<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> at Rest Haven
	10:00 AM	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> in the Fireside room
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Women's Passion Prayer</b> in the Fellowship Hall

### Praise & Prayer

**Mike and Nancy Brinks** are at University of Michigan hospital, where Mike is recovering from open heart surgery. Pray that healing will go well, pray against infection, and pray for Nancy as her body is also causing her trouble.

**Tim Randall** is still in the hospital. Pray specifically that they would see improvement in his lungs, which have been struggling due to fluid around them, and mucus within them.

**Dianne Waterloo** was admitted to the hospital this past Wednesday so she could receive IV fluids and undergo some testing. Dianne has recently not been able to keep any food or water down, which is impacting her kidneys. Pray for God to heal her body, and restore her health.

### Announcements

**Thank You** to Abbie Schalk for heading up the committee and to all those who helped to decorate the church for Christmas! Your work is greatly appreciated.

**Missionaries of the Month: The Gary & Rachel de León family** who are serving with refugees in Spain through Resonate Global Mission. Their ministry is called "Project Miklat" which means "refuge and meeting" in Hebrew in the passage from Psalm 46. They chose this name to represent the refuge that is God for those who seek Him and as they find themselves in this situation as refugees they are able to feel loved and protected by a supportive community surrounding them. Gifts for the work of the de León's can be given anytime during the month of December.

**Christmas Choir!** Kongcheng & Gideon would like to put together a choir to sing during the morning service on December 17. There will be rehearsals on December 13 at 7pm and on December 17 at 8:15am. If you're interested, please reach out to Kongcheng or Gideon.

**Congregational Meeting/Chili/Bread/Dessert Cook Off** – Join us Sunday, December 17 for a great time of eating, drinking and rejoicing together. We'll be meeting at noon in the fellowship hall to eat some delicious chili, bread, and desserts. Bring your best dish, and you could win a prize! Sign up today so we know what you're bringing and how many people to plan for. We'll spend time together hearing stories of what God is doing through our ministries, review the 2024 proposed budget, and finish our elder and deacon recognition process. If you'd like a hard copy of the letter we sent out this week, and the proposed budget, please see pastor Eric or Mary Kay.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – This year we will celebrate Christmas together at a special Christmas Eve Evening candlelight service. We'll gather at 6:00pm for a time of worship and reflection on the birth of Jesus. We will not be gathering Christmas morning, but instead encourage you to spend time reflecting on the coming of Jesus into the world with your family and friends.

**Christmas Cards** – We want to encourage you to mail Christmas cards to those in our body who are not able to join us for worship. Let's spread some joy this season by blessing members of our church who are currently shut in.

**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.

**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** – As we are continuing beautification and some work on the property, would anyone like free pallets? Please let Gideon know and he will even help load them for you!

**Rooted Youth Group** – Tonight, from 6-8pm, we'll be gathering for another awesome night of craziness. Don't miss out!

**Rooted Off Campus** – This week is our first Off Campus event on Saturday, December 9. Meet at the church at 9:30am and we'll be touring ICCF (a place that is building houses and so much more) as a part of their mission for Jesus. Bring your signed permission slip and we'll have a great day together! Talk to Aaron, Abbie or Jeni for more info.

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

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