

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

21 January 2024

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

In today's passage, we see Jesus on mission and we hear his commission to his twelve disciples. How should we continue that mission today?

Prelude	<i>Firm Foundation</i>
<i>Worship Team</i>	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Your Grace Is Enough</i> <i>Come Thou Fount</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Speak O Lord</i>
Words of Hope Video	
Kingdom Prayers	
<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>	
Message	SHARE! – KINGDOM MISSION Dr. Branson Parler MATTHEW 9:35-10:8 (p. 942)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Living Hope</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Kurt & Dawn Faasse Next week: Eric & Laura O'Brock
	Nursery	Amy Coeling, Haju Kimyang Next week: Dawn Faasse, Mary Kay Townley
	Children's Worship	Amy Baragar, Nevaeh Bills Next week: Norma Boehm, Liam Baragar
	Coffee	Etta Denbesten, Ed & Noreen Reitsma Next week: Jeff & Erin Broene
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
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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

Pray for our custodian, **Kathy**, who is grieving the death of her friend Tim, as well as the death of her aunt, who both passed on the same day. Pray that God will comfort her in her loss.

Pray for all the folks battling COVID, flu, and various other illnesses right now. Pray especially for a quick return to health, and for no lasting complications.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Words of Hope – Words of Hope is featuring the country of Uganda this month! Last July we were introduced to the New Testament translation project in Uganda for the Kuku tribe. Today we will see a video reminding us of how our donations last July for WOH helped with this translation work. Words of Hope shares the gospel in 15 different languages in Uganda, each with their own radio programs and team members to reach people in even the most remote villages. Many people in Uganda need discipleship and direction because they face extreme poverty and lack of education. Donations for WOH can be given throughout the month of January, with a special offering being taken during our worship service next Sunday. You can learn more about Words of Hope Uganda here: <https://www.woh.org/where-we-work/uganda/>

Thank You – Marge Bolthuis wants to thank all of you who sent her Christmas cards, and for the notes written in many of them of special memories shared over the years. It was so great to reminisce!

"The Brinks Family would like to THANK everyone for all the prayers on our behalf, encouragement and cards sent. We praise the Lord for ANSWERED Prayers!! Mike was able to have surgery to remove blood clots from his heart and both lungs. It is done only in a few places in the world. Only one doctor does this surgery in Michigan. The Lord orchestrated it all to happen to heal Mike and Give Glory and Praise to Himself!! Thank you!" Mike and Nancy Brinks and family

Small Groups – Those of you who signed up for small groups should hear from your small group leader very soon. Keep an eye on your email for updates!

Gardens Update – You are invited to a Mac & Cheese Cook-off and Family Fun Night at the church on Saturday, February 10th beginning at 5pm. We will be voting on the best mac & cheese and the winner will receive a prize, so make sure to pull out your favorite mac & cheese recipe! Families with small children can bring their wheeled outdoor toys (big wheels, trikes, and small bikes) to ride around in the basement. We will also be playing carpet ball, ping pong, and pool. There may even be a prize for anyone who can beat Sam Dennis at ping pong. Weather permitting, we're planning to have a bonfire outside, too. Feel free to invite friends! If you plan to attend, please make your reservation by signing the sheet on the table in the narthex and also indicate if you plan to bring Mac & Cheese, or if you're able to help by bringing a side or dessert. We can't wait to see you there.

Rooted Off-Campus – On February 3, from around 9:30am until around 1:30pm, we'll be heading over to Mel Trotter to see what they're doing in the name of Jesus for the homeless and hungry. Talk to Jeni, Aaron or Abbie if you have any questions!

Consistory Update – This past Tuesday we had our first consistory meeting of the year. The following people were elected to serve as officers in the consistory:

VP – Steve Wammack

Clerk – Kristi Dennis

Deacon Chair – Micah Meendering

Treasurer – Paul Baragar

We hope to have care groups set up by the end of the month so that you know who your elder and deacon will be for the upcoming year.

Special Guests on February 4 – On February 4 the NorthPointe High School Chorale will join us for our morning worship service. They had an opening in their schedule, and since Kate Schalk is a member of the group, they asked if they could join us that day!

Discipleship Small Group – A couple Sundays ago, Pastor Eric challenged us to identify people who God may want us to disciple. What if we told you that it doesn't have to be scary, and can actually be encouraging, exciting, and fulfilling!!! Norma and I would like to invite you to join us in this journey of what it looks like to be a disciple maker. This study takes the mystery out of disciple making by joining us in reading Multiply by Francis Chan. Each time we meet you will read a chapter ahead of time, and work through some questions, so we can engage the conversation well. We have found that if you will put this time into it, we believe the benefits to your walk with Jesus will become more real as disciple making becomes more intentional in your life. You are invited! Here are some details:

- Day and time to be determined
- 24 lessons we will do either biweekly or weekly as the group decides
- Each person prepares one lesson per meeting from the Multiply book.
- Each time we gather there will be a short video, time to discuss the material, and we'll finish with a time of prayer.

Contact Tom and Norma if you have questions or would like to join our group.

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