

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

18 February 2024

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

Today marks the beginning of Fasting Week 2024. This morning we'll explore scripture to understand what fasting is, why we do it, and how it shapes our faith.

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Prelude	<i>You Never Let Go</i>
<i>Worship Team</i>	
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> <i>Cornerstone</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3</i>	
Message	FASTING MATTHEW 6:16-18 (P. 938)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Doxology</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service

## This week at **Fourth**

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	Bill & Marty Pyper Next week: Branson & Sarah Parler
	<b>Nursery</b>	Laura Shoults, Cindy Davis Next week: Sarah Parler, Nicole Donovan
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	Nicole Donovan, Kate Schalk Next week: Cindy Davis, Christian Parler
	<b>Coffee</b>	Mike, Nancy & Tim Brinks Next week: Kurt & Dawn Faasse
11:15 AM	<b>CE Classes &amp; Middle &amp; High School Small Groups</b>	
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<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Fourth/Coit Cadets</b> at Coit Community Church <b>Fasting Week Gathering</b> in the Fireside room
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<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 7:00 PM	<b>Dude's Group</b> – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i> <b>Fasting Week Gathering</b> in the Fireside room
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<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Knitting Group</b> <i>at Rest Haven</i> <b>Men's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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<b>Friday</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Healing Conference Begins</b>
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<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	<b>Healing Conference</b> <b>Healing Service</b> <i>in the Sanctuary</i>

## Praise & Prayer

**Bill Pyper** is home and recovering. Continue to pray that the bleeding will remain under control, and for patience as they wait for healing to take place.

We praise God that **Ed Reitsma** is doing really well after a bout with pneumonia. Please pray for Noreen as she continues to recover from illness as well.

Pray that God will work throughout **Fasting week** and the **Healing Conference** to draw us close to him, heal our hearts, and renew our spirits.

## Announcements

### Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

This past year Mission India trained 11,823 church planters in teaching the Bible, resulting in 20,218 churches being planted! Your donations help Mission India continue this life-changing work in India where many lives are being transformed by the gospel message being proclaimed. Donations for Mission India can be given anytime during the month of February with a special offering being taken during the worship service next Sunday.

### Care Groups

Please check your church mailbox this morning for updated Care Group lists.

### **Fasting Week 2024 is Here!!!**

This past week Pastor Eric sent an email with some instructions for Fasting Week, and if you didn't get it, there are extra copies on the sign up table. This document provides some prompts for the week to help direct your prayer life and scripture reading. Remember, there are gatherings Monday and Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Fireside room for worship, prayer, and reflection.

### **Healing Conference**

The conference is this week and will be an amazing way to wrap up Fasting Week 2024. The conference is Friday, February 23 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm, and Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:30pm. Lunch and snacks are provided, we just ask that you register ahead of time on our website, or sign up on the back table. The weekend will also include a special Healing Service on Saturday evening from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. You don't need to attend the conference to attend the service. We invite you to show up, worship the Lord, and be a part of the moving of the Spirit! We will have childcare Friday night, and during the conference on Saturday as well. If you are in need of childcare, please talk to Pastor Eric by Tuesday.

### **Gardens Update**

Have you noticed the bulletin board in the fellowship hall? Do you have questions about it? Questions about this year's plan for Union Gardens? Questions about the community garden? Be sure to be in the fellowship hall on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the morning service, where Gideon will go over the plans in detail!

### **Lost & Found**

Did you leave a bicycle at the church? If so, please see Gideon or Mary Kay. Also be sure to check out the lost and found table by the library and claim anything that is yours. Anything left at the end of February will be donated or disposed of.

### **Sermon Notes**

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

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