

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

17 March 2024

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

This morning we wrap up our short Lenten series on the temptations of Jesus. We'll look at how Jesus once again overcomes the enemies' tactics, and shows us how to do the same.

Prelude *More Than Able*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Same God
Holy Spirit*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Sovereign Over Us*

Kingdom Prayers
Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 3

Message **SHORT CUT TO THE KINGDOM**
Rev. Eric Schalk MATTHEW 4:8-11 (p. 935)

Communion

Singing *Come Thou Fount*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters Kathy Burggraaf, Beth Rossiter Next week: Jim & Joy Gibbs
	Nursery Norma Boehm, Becky Berrevoets Next week: Betsy Coutchie, Josh Schalk, Eliana Parler
	Children's Worship Ruby Parler, Kate Schalk Next week: Amy Baragar, Nevaeh Bills
	Coffee Gideon & Taylor Eising Next week: Eric & Julie Schalk, Caren Bills
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups

Monday 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
10:00 AM **Men's Bible Study** in the Fireside room

Praise & Prayer

Easter is March 31! Be praying about who God might encourage you to invite to worship that weekend.

Pray for **Ed Reitsma** as he continues to recover from Shingles.

Marge Bolthuis was transferred to a rehabilitation facility this past week. Pray for her as she works to regain her strength so she can return home.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: The VanDyke family

The VanDykes have been doing mission work through Resonate Global Missions since 2003. While based in Guatemala for 13 years, you may remember, they were an integral part of Gary and Rachel entering the mission field. Joel tells us that he is now exclusively focused on the work in Central America. Although now based in MI, he continues this global work centered on the development, coaching and mobilization of leadership training hubs. Out of the 25 currently established hubs, 6 of those he works with directly. Please help us to continue the support of this important Kingdom work through your prayers and offerings this month.

Elders Report

Bob & Lynn Berthiaume requested their membership be dropped from Fourth as they have begun attending Magnify Church with their children, and grandchild.

Mike & Suzanne Bolt requested their membership be transferred to Cascade Fellowship.

Evan & Nicole Donovan requested to join Fourth Church. We look forward to welcoming them formally in the near future.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

We'll be joining with the folks at New City Church on Friday, March 29 for our annual Tenebrae service. Dinner will be at 6:00pm in their community room, followed by the service at 7:00pm. We are currently looking for two volunteers to help with nursery. If you can help with nursery, please let Mary Kay or Eric know.

Easter Service & Breakfast

On Sunday, March 31 we'll have our annual Easter breakfast at 8:30am, followed by our worship service at 10am. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to eat good food and worship Jesus with us. Prayerfully consider who you should invite, and sign up soon to let us know how many folks to plan on for breakfast. If you're interested in coordinating the breakfast, or helping in any way, please talk to Pastor Eric.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower is being planned for Grace Wammack on April 17 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship hall. If you're able to attend, please make your reservation by signing the sheet in the narthex by April 10. Grace & Zak are registered at Amazon and Crate & Barrel, and they also have a honeymoon fund if you'd like to donate to that. Here are the links to all three:

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/wedding/share/graceandzak>

Crate&Barrel: <https://www.crateandbarrel.com/gift-registry/grace-wammack-and-zachary-slotman/r6782126>

Honeymoon Fund: <https://blissandbone.sendbirdie.com/r/graceandzak>

Gardens Update

Three things!

1. We're looking for 4 people to help plant tomato seeds on the morning of March 23rd. If you can help, please let Gideon know.
2. Be on the lookout for the calendar with all the year's events coming soon!
3. Please continue to think about having a garden plot this year, it's a great way to connect with neighbors and church family, as well as grow delicious veggies. Pick up a flyer from the table in the narthex for more information!

GEMS Store Donations Needed

GEMS is seeking donations for the year end "GEMS store." The GEMS store is prizes the girls get to pick out using the points they earn throughout the year. Prizes are for girls age 7-13. New and used items are accepted. Please leave in the GEMS room (Rm. #4) in the Sunday school hallway. The GEMS store will take place on May 6, please have donations in by April 28.

Community Good Friday Service

Seventh Reformed Church invites you to their 54th annual service on March 29, 12 – 3pm, in which seven local pastors will each preach from one of the last seven words of the cross. You are welcome to join them for all or part of the service. Refreshments following the service. Pick up a flyer from the table in the narthex for more details.

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