

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

14 April 2024

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

This week we begin a new series in 1 Peter. We will see how Peter encourages us with a focus on the living hope that we have in Christ, and sets the stage for how we are called to live out that hope in our lives.

Prelude *Here I Am to Worship*
Worship Team

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Oh You Bring
How Great Thou Art*

Prayer of Confession

GEMS & GEMS Offering
Offertory: Clara Broene & Eliana & Ruby Parler

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

Message **LIVING HOPE**
Dr. Branson Parler **I PETER 1:1-5 (P. 1177)**

Communion

Singing *Living Hope*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Mike & Nancy Brinks Next week: Julie & Abbie Schalk
	Nursery Kathy Burggraaf, Kate Schalk Next week: Beth Rossiter, Erin & Clara Broene
	Children's Worship Caren Bills, Liam Baragar Next week: Erin & Violet Meendering
	Coffee Branson & Sarah Parler Next week: Don & Betsy Coutchie
11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups

Monday	6:00 PM Fourth/Coit Cadets at Coit Community Church
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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> 8:30 PM Men's Ping Pong <i>in the church basement</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>
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Saturday	9:30 AM Foundry Training <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>
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Praise & Prayer

We praise God that **Phyllis Berrevoets** is doing much better following a procedure this week to cement some of her vertebrae together. Continue to pray for her as she gets physical therapy to regain her strength.

We praise God for a great mission trip for the **NorthPointe Chorale**. Thank you for all the prayer and support you gave them!

Continue to pray for folks who are struggling through intense trials right now. Pray for God's Spirit to provide comfort, peace and healing, as only He can.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: The Gary & Rachel De León family

The reality of Christianity in Spain is shocking. Our church family is considered to be a normal size: we have about 25 members and that includes our family! Approximately 2% of Spain is evangelical and that number is slowly increasing due to the rise of Latin Americans and immigrants in this country. Of those churches that are open, the majority of members are foreign. Praise God for this and for the opportunity to bring His Word to this nation. Pray for the church of Spain, for His Word to be spread throughout this nation. Pray for our pastor and his family (Pr. Ignacio), for God to continue guiding him through the tough paths ahead. Pray for our boys growing up in this society and to be able to find good Christian friends. Pray for us as we strengthen their biblical education at home and become more intentional in this area. Finally, please pray for our ministry with children and women in our church community to continue to grow! Donations for the De León family will be collected throughout the month of April.

Today is GEMS Sunday! The GEMS girls will be taking part in the worship service this morning, and an offering will be received for the GEMS headquarters.

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.

Bridal Shower Postponed – The bridal shower for Grace & Zak is being postponed due to some unforeseen circumstances.

Youth Group will resume next Sunday, April 21!

Men of Fourth, come join us Wednesday nights at 8:30 pm for some ping pong in the church basement. We have averaged 5 guys for the first few weeks and we would love to get more guys involved! Come test your skills against Kongcheng or just hang out. No equipment required, just show up! If you have any questions, reach out to Sam Dennis via email (sddennis1@gmail.com) or phone (724.988.9681). See you there.

Who do I talk to about building maintenance? If you notice an issue around the building that you’d like to bring to someone’s attention, please send an email to office@fourthchurch.com. From there, we will make sure it gets reported to the right person, and we’ll see what can be done. That being said, if you see something that needs to be addressed AND want to be part of the solution, your help is always welcomed!

Gardens Update – The sign-up sheet is available, as promised, on the table in the narthex! When you put your name on the sheet you’re simply saying you are INTERESTED in helping in one of these areas. We will follow up with you as needs arise, and see if you are able to help.

Foundry Training: Clarity & Care for LGBT+ People and Their Families – The Foundry is leading an upcoming workshop here at Fourth on Saturday, April 20, from 9:30am-12:30pm. All are welcome to attend! Churches have often emphasized doctrinal clarity on marriage without equal clarity on good pastoral care for LGBT+ people and their families. So how can churches who hold to the historic view of marriage come alongside LGBT+ people and their families in order to show the love of Jesus in tangible ways? These workshops will equip participants to engage with good pastoral wisdom and care in these areas.

NECM Fundraiser – North End Community Ministry (NECM) has been named as a recipient of the Meijer Simply Give Campaign from the Plainfield Meijer located at 3757 Plainfield NE, beginning March 31, 2024 through June 29, 2024. To participate, please pick up a \$10 Simply Give card from the table in the narthex and give it to the cashier the next time you’re at the Plainfield Meijer and they will add the \$10 charge to your grocery bill. Meijer will then match all donations given during the promotion period and give this to NECM to help them stock their pantry. Also please note \$10 becomes \$30 through Meijer Corporation on “Double Match Day” on June 15.

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