

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

1 December 2024

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

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Our theme this year is Joy and over the next four weeks we'll be looking at the different ways we can experience and share joy as followers of Jesus.

Prelude *O Come All You Unfaithful*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *O Come All Ye Faithful
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Kingdom Prayers
Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs

Message **ADVENT: THE JOY OF TRUSTING GOD**
Rev. Eric Schalk LUKE 1:39-45 (P. 991)

Communion

Singing *King of Kings*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters	Paul & Amy Baragar Next week: Ed & Noreen Reitsma
	Nursery	Dawn Faasse, Mary Kay Townley Next week: Kara Berrevoets, Julie Schalk
	Children's Worship	Josh Schalk, Eliana Parler Next week: Erin Meendering, Clara Broene
	Coffee	Mary Kay Townley Next week: Branson & Sarah Parler
	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*
6:30 PM **Consistory Meets** *in Fireside room*
8:00 PM **Elder & Deacon Meetings.** *Those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric prior to this meeting.*

Wednesday 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*
8:00 PM **Men's Ping Pong** *in the church basement*

Thursday 9:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*
10:00 AM **Knitting Group** *at Rest Haven*

Saturday 9:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** *in the Fellowship Hall*

Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for the **Proos family** as they grieve the passing of Gary.

Pray for folks who are shut-in as this time of year can be difficult with the skies turning overcast, the snow flying, and not as many visitors.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: De León Family

Hello from Spain! We are praying for some much needed rest over the holidays. We've been going full speed since September and life hasn't slowed down. Looking forward to the holidays and spending time with family. In early November, we had two weeks of intense rain. These heavy rains, called DANA, devastated many small towns in southern Spain. Homes were lost and unfortunately people's lives as well. As soon as we saw the damages, Gary set up a group of volunteers to help clean up and restore their homes! Word spread quickly, and at one point, we had 60 volunteers arrive with shovels, buckets, and trucks full of donations. A company even sent six excavators to help remove the mud. Over three weekends, this group of volunteers helped three communities and many families. It was such a big impact to see Spaniards coming together! Donations for the De León family can be given anytime during the month of December.

Adult Education: Growing Joy!

What if joy is central to our relationship with God and the cornerstone of real character transformation? What if real discipleship only happens within the good soil of joy? Our focus for the next few weeks will dovetail with our Advent theme for this year: joy. We will be talking about how joy is essential for our relationship with God and one another, as well as engaging in some practices to enable us to grow in our joy. Join us in the fireside room at 11:15!

Church Basement

We're still working on the basement, and because youth group stuff is in the open area, we ask that kids stay out again this week.

Christmas Cards

This is a great time of year to spread love and joy to folks in our congregation who aren't able to worship with us regularly. Consider sending out some Christmas cards to folks to help brighten their holidays.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We will be celebrating Christmas together as a church body on Tuesday December 24 at 7:00pm. We'll worship God, reflect on the coming of Jesus, and spend time singing Christmas songs together. We even have new candle holders to help prevent wax from dripping all over the place! Make plans to join us that night to worship the Lord together!!!

Proverbs Reading Challenge!

We just completed the Proverbs Reading Challenge. Be sure to put your completed sheets in the box in the narthex to be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

Directory Reminder

Deadline for updating your picture, or any other additions or corrections for the church directory is this week. Please send them to our church email: office@fourthchurch.com

Sermon Notes

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