

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

15 December 2024

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

In our third week of Advent we continue our theme of joy. We'll see that with the arrival of King Jesus the Kingdom of Heaven has come, and there is great joy to be found there.

Prelude *O Come All You Unfaithful*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Joy to the World*
Angels We Have Heard on High

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Behold Our God*

Advent Wreath
Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs

Video message from the De León's

Kingdom Prayers

Message **ADVENT: JOY OF THE KINGDOM**
Rev. Eric Schalk **LUKE 6:17-26 (P. 998)**

Communion

Singing *King of Kings*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters Bob & Connie Scherpenisse Next week: Julie & Abbie Schalk Christmas Eve: Mike & Tim Brinks
	Nursery Jeni Wammack, Erin Meendering Next week: Laura Shoults, Sarah Parler Christmas Eve: No nursery
	Children's Worship Erin & Siena Broene, Christian Parler Next week: Don Coutchie, Liam Baragar
	Coffee Kongcheng & Haju Kimyang, Beth Rossiter Next week: Skip & Doris Hawkins, Nancy Aukeman
	11:15 AM CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups

Monday	6:00 PM Fourth/Coit Cadets at <i>Coit Community Church</i>
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Tuesday	10:00 AM Women's Bible Study in the <i>Fireside room</i>
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Wednesday	6:30 AM Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i> 8:00 PM Men's Ping Pong in the <i>church basement</i>
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Thursday	9:30 AM Men's Bible Study in the <i>Fireside room</i> 10:00 AM Knitting Group at <i>Rest Haven</i> 6:30 PM The Forge Men's Gathering in the <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
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Saturday	9:00 AM Women's Passion Prayer in the <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
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Praise & Prayer

Pray for **Nancy Brinks** as she has knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. Pray for a successful surgery and a smooth recovery.

Pray for **Nancy Aukeman** as she grieves the passing of her father. Pray for comfort and peace in the sorrow.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: De León Family

Our work in the local community center has intensified lately with the amount of incoming refugees and immigrants. We are working at maximum capacity, and that means more families are being put on a waiting list. Unfortunately, to be able to reach more families, we would need a bigger building and more missionary families on our staff. Please pray that this happens! Donations for the De León family can be given anytime during the month of December with a special offering being taken on December 29 during our worship service.

Church Basement

We're completing the repair work in the basement, and because youth group stuff is in the open area, we ask that kids stay out again this week. Repairs will hopefully really be finished this week!

Christmas Cards

We would like to bless the following people who currently are unable to worship with us with personal greetings: Marge Bolthuis, Jan DeWeese, Barb Funckes, Sandy Gleason, Tim Randall, Lorraine Smith and Connie Wierenga. TODAY is the deadline for turning your cards into the basket on the sign-up table in the narthex.

Christmas Choir

Are you interested in singing in a Christmas choir during our worship service on December 22? If so, please contact Kongcheng. Rehearsal will be on December 18 from 6:30 – 8:30pm where we will begin with devotions and then rehearse together. We hope you'll join us!

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!!! Please note that there will not be a nursery provided during this service.

Giving

We recently had one of the best months of giving we've had in a long time. Even so, we are still behind on our yearly budget. As we end 2024 and look to what God has for us in 2025, we encourage you to give generously to support our church community.

'The Forge', a gathering for men.

Sign up today on the table in the narthex for The Forge, a gradual move forward, to form by heat in a forge and hammer into shape. We will have a meal at 6:30pm on Thursday, December 19th followed by 'The Forge'. Bring a friend. We will have a question to talk about. Come and see.

Nursery Help Needed

We are in need of help in the nursery on Sunday, December 29. Let Mary Kay know if you are able to help.

Foundry Course: Spiritual Formation & Discipleship

What are the key practices of spiritual formation? How do individuals grow in deeper communion and intimacy with their triune God through spiritual rhythms? How does our own growth contribute to Spirit-empowered transformation in others' lives? Dr. Jeff Fisher will be engaging these questions and more in this class taught at Madison Place here in Grand Rapids. The class meets 12-3pm on Jan. 15, 29, Feb. 12, and 26. Register at www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/mss-madison.

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