

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

22 December 2024

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

In our text for today, we will see how Jesus brings us true joy--not only by defeating the kingdom of Satan but by enabling us to know the Father and Son by the Spirit.

Prelude	<i>Joy to the World</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Behold Our God</i>
Children's Program	
Advent Wreath	
	<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
Message	ADVENT: THE JOY OF KNOWING GOD <i>Dr. Branson Parler</i> LUKE 10:17-24 (P. 1006)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters Julie & Abbie Schalk Christmas Eve: Mike & Tim Brinks Next week: Sam & Kristi Dennis
	Nursery Laura Shoults, Becky Tubergen Next week: Nicole Donovan & ??
	Children's Worship Don Couthie, Liam Baragar Next week: Amy & Nolan Baragar
	Coffee Skip & Doris Hawkins, Nancy Aukeman Next week: Bill & Marty Pyper
	11:15 AM No CE Classes

Tuesday 7:00 PM **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Thursday 10:00 AM **Knitting Group** *at Rest Haven*

Praise & Prayer

We give praise that **Nancy Brinks** knee replacement surgery went well. Please pray for pain management and a smooth and complete recovery!

Pray for **Lorraine Smith** as she fell last week and fractured her lumbar spine. She will likely be moved from the hospital to Mary Free Bed soon. Pray for pain management and healing.

Christmas is an amazing time of year, but can also be difficult for those who are grieving. Remember to pray for those who are experiencing loss this time of year.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: De León Family

Gary's role at the community center is running the employment training program to help families prepare for employment opportunities. This is especially aimed for refugees who are waiting to be granted a work permit and can use this time to further their skills. Language learning is also key, and Gary has his Spanish level 1 class completely filled up! As a social worker, Rachel focuses on triage, which is assessing each family's needs and connecting them with the resources available. Our team consists of 4 missionary families running a center for 625 refugees! The work is intense, but we are blessed to have this opportunity and share God's love with these families! Donations for the De León family can be given anytime during the month of December with a special offering being taken next Sunday during our worship service.

Church Basement

Starting today, kids are free to use the basement after worship! A special thanks to Darold Parks for repairing the broken pipe, and to Dan Davis for repairing the wall.

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. Make plans to join us to worship the Lord together!!! Please note that there will not be a nursery provided during this service.

Nursery Help Needed

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

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study group will not meet on December 24 or 31. Study will resume on January 7.

Early Bulletin Deadline

Announcements need to be in by noon on Tuesday, December 24 for the December 29 bulletin. Announcements for the January 5 bulletin will need to be in by noon on Thursday, January 2. Leave them in the office, or email them to: office@fourthchurch.com

Holiday Office Hours

Mary Kay will be in the office on Monday and Tuesday this week and then will be on vacation from December 25 – January 5. Amy Coeling will be in the office on January 2 from 2 – 4 pm. Pastor Eric will also be out of the office from December 25-28. If any needs or concerns arise during this time, please reach out to your elder or deacon.

Elder & Deacon Installation

On Sunday, January 5 we will be installing and ordaining new elders and deacons. Ryan Faasse will be installed as deacon. Erin Broene and Abbie Schalk will be installed and ordained as deacon. Brian Tubergen will be installed as elder. Jeni Wammack will be installed and ordained as elder.

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.
