

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

29 December 2024

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

This morning we wrap up our series on joy by looking at the end of the story. By seeing what waits for us in the future, we will see how we can cling to joy no matter what circumstances we face.

Prelude *Great Are You Lord*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *House of the Lord
Good, Good Father*

Prayer of Confession

Mission Offering for the De León Family

Singing *You've Already Won*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **JOY IN KNOWING THE END OF THE STORY**
Rev. Eric Schalk REVELATION 21 (P. 1206)

Communion

Singing *You Are My King*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Sam & Kristi Dennis Next week: Micah & Erin Meendering
	Nursery	Nicole Donovan & Mary Kay Townley Next week: Taylor Eising, Caren Bills
	Children's Worship	Amy & Nolan Baragar Next week: Nicole Donovan, Ruby Parler
	Coffee	Bill & Marty Pypier Next week: Aaron & Wendy Wetzell, Nancy Springfield
	11:15 AM	No CE Classes

Wednesday 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 **Nancy Brinks** as she recovers from knee surgery and deals with nerve pain. Pray that the pain would diminish quickly and that recovery would go smoothly.

Pray for **Lorraine Smith** as she recovers at Mary Free Bed from her lumbar spine fracture. Pray for pain management, ability to sleep, encouragement and healing.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: De León Family

Since moving to Spain, our goal has always been to connect with refugee families at the community center, build a relationship with them, and bring them to our local Spanish church. We serve in both the center and at our church, and this goal has always been our priority, despite being very hard to achieve. Spain has taught us that, unlike Guatemala, it is very hard to share the gospel and for people to be receptive to it. With time and determination, we have slowly made steps forward. A family from Gambia that we help at the center is now sending their little boys to our church. Pray for the mom and dad, that they may feel welcome to join as well. Two other refugee women started participating in our women's church meetings each month. Praise the Lord! Donations for the De León family can be given through the end of the month, and we will take a special offering for them this morning.

Office Hours

Mary Kay will be out of the office this week. Amy Coeling will be in the office on Thursday, January 2 from 2 – 4 pm to complete the bulletin. Please have all bulletin information into the office or send to the church email at: office@fourthchurch.com by noon on Wednesday.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

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

Elder & Deacon Installation

Next 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.

A Praying Life

You are invited to "A Praying Life" seminar on February 7-8 at Rockford Reformed Church. This seminar is not for victorious Christians, but Christians defeated in the trenches, asking... How do I focus when I'm distracted with so much to do? How do I pray longer than five minutes? How do I ask when I've tried it before and it doesn't work? Delving into our frustrations, we look at Jesus' powerful yet simple teachings on prayer. We practice becoming child-like, patterning after Jesus' own teaching and style of praying. We learn to ask our Father anything – with eyes wide open to the story he is creating in our lives. Further practical tools and helps are explained and demonstrated. Throughout the sessions people have time to pray, making real what they learned. The cost is just \$10. You can register at:

<https://rockfordreformedchurchapl.eventbrite.com>.

Sermon Notes

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