

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

12 January 2025

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

Romans 14 is the practical heartbeat of Romans. How should Jewish, Greek, and Roman followers of Jesus live? Paul argues for unity in the Messiah that overcomes whatever other differences they might bring to the table (literally).

Prelude *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Is He Worthy?
Christ Be Magnified*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Before the Throne of God Above*

New Member & Baptism – Morgan & Ramie Jo Faasse

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

Message **ROMANS #2 – WE BELONG TO THE LORD**
Dr. Branson Parler ROMANS 14:1-12 (P.1102)

Communion

Singing *How Great is Our God*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Ron & Marcia Schuur Next week: Dan & Cindy Davis
	Nursery	Norma Boehm, Becky Berrevoets Next week: Betsy Coutchie, Josh Schalk
	Children's Worship	Becky Tubergen, Nevaeh Bills Next week: Norma Boehm, Kate Schalk
	Coffee	Phyllis Berrevoets, Sandy Moll Next week: Eric & Laura O'Brock
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
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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 8:00 PM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i> Men's Ping Pong in the <i>church basement</i>
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Thursday	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study in the <i>Fireside room</i> Knitting Group at <i>Rest Haven</i> 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>

Praise & Prayer

Continue to pray for **Nancy Brinks** as she recovers from knee surgery and for **Lorraine Smith** as she recovers from a lumbar spine fracture.

Pray for **Tim Randall** as his health has declined over the week. Pray for Dave, Linda and the family as they seek wisdom for next steps.

We give praise that **Norm Schalk** had a successful heart procedure this past week and is doing well.

Announcements

New Member & Baptism

This morning we welcome Morgan Faasse as a member at Fourth and we celebrate the baptism of Ramie Jo Faasse.

Missionaries of the Month: Words of Hope

Reaching Indonesia's Islands with Radio

Did you know that Indonesia has over 6,000 inhabited islands and more than 700 languages? Words of Hope's radio broadcasts bring the gospel to remote and hard-to-reach areas, helping isolated believers grow in faith. These programs are a lifeline for many, offering spiritual encouragement and teaching to those who might otherwise have no access to Christian resources. Donations can be given anytime during the month of January.

Praying About our Name

For 150 years, our church body has been called "Fourth Reformed," a name that indicates we were the fourth RCA church in Grand Rapids. That name has served us well, but since we've entered the Alliance of Reformed Churches, we've wondered if God might have a new name for us. Starting January 23, at 7pm, we are going to meet for four consecutive Thursdays to engage in listening prayer around scripture and our mission to see if God might be leading us to change our name. We would love to have as many folks as possible participate in those gatherings as we listen to the Holy Spirit and try to discern what God might have for us.

Small Groups

We currently have four small groups at Fourth Church. They are led by Sam & Kristi Dennis (every other Thursday), Gideon & Taylor Eising (every other Tuesday), Eric & Julie Schalk, and Brian & Becky Tubergen (every other Sunday). If you are interested in joining a group, please reach out to one of these people and we'll help you find a good fit!

'The Forge' a gathering for Men.

We will meet for dinner at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 16th. Join us for a meaningful conversation man to man. Ten men gathered on December 19th at our first meeting. We had a great meal prepared by Tim and Norm. Try it out; each meeting is separate from all others. Join us when you can. No cost. Please sign up on the sign-up table in the narthex so we know how much food to make.

Chili Cook-Off

On Tuesday, January 28th we are planning a chili cook-off at 6 p.m. Prizes for the best chili and the best bread/cornbread! There will be an open mic from 6:15 to 6:45 for singing, music, or reading aloud.

GEMS Taco Night

It's time for our next GEMS event. Girls grades 1-8 are invited to join us for a taco night Monday, February 10 from 6-7:30pm. We plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall to make and eat tacos. Please RSVP to Erin at 616.822.2926 or eebroene@gmail.com. Please include any dietary restrictions. Also save the date for Saturday, March 8 for a craft event. Details to come.

Crafters Wanted

We are looking for ladies interested in hosting a craft table for our GEMS craft event Saturday, March 8. Hosting involves bringing a craft along with supplies and teaching the girls how to make it. Supply costs are reimbursable. Please let Erin Broene or Sarah Parler know if you are able to host a table.

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