

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

19 January 2025

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

This week we continue in Romans 14 and consider what Paul says about judging one another and the call to peace and unity in the church.

Prelude	<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Promises Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Oh You Bring</i>
Words of Hope Video	
Kingdom Prayers	
	<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs</i>
Message	ROMANS #3 ROMANS 14:13-23 (P.1102)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Give Us Clean Hands</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters	Dan & Cindy Davis Next week: Darold & JoAnn Parks
	Nursery	Betsy Coutchie, Gail Monsma Next week: Steve Wammack, Becky Tubergen
	Children's Worship	Norma Boehm, Kate Schalk Next week: Erin & Siena Broene, Christian Parler
	Coffee	Eric & Laura O'Brock Next week: Mike & Becky Berrevoets
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
	6:00 PM	Rooted Meets
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Monday	6:00 PM	Fourth/Coit Cadets <i>at Coit Community Church</i>
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Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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Wednesday	6:30 AM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
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Thursday	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	10:00 AM	Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i>
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering

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.

Tim Randall passed away this past Sunday after a long stay in the hospital. Please pray for Dave, Linda and the family as they grieve Tim's passing, and adjust to life without him.

Scott Smith, Lorraine Smith's son, passed away this past week after his health declined very rapidly. Pray for the Smith family as they grieve, and pray that God would provide his presence and comfort in their heartache.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Words of Hope - Faithful in the Face of Challenges. Christians in Indonesia often face opposition, ranging from legal limitations to threats of violence. Yet, the Church is growing! Words of Hope's radio programs are a vital support system, connecting believers across islands and cultural divides with the hope of Christ. Please pray for perseverance and unity among Indonesia's Christians. Donations can be given throughout January. We will see a short video today about WOH work in Indonesia.

Thank You – Marge Bolthuis would like to thank everyone for the many Christmas cards she received and for the beautiful notes written in many of them.

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 **THIS THURSDAY**, 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.

Rooted – We are back tonight with another exciting night of all the stuff we do every time we do youth group. Let’s be honest, these announcements are not gonna tell you anything you don’t already know. 6-8pm, in case you don’t already know it. See you then!

Church Directory Draft – Next Sunday, we will have a draft of the updated Church Directory in the Fellowship Hall during the coffee hour. Please stop by to check that your information is correct.

Chili Cook-Off – Chili and bread cook-off next week Tuesday, January 28th at 6 p.m. We need a few more people to cook and bake for us - come on, you know you want to be famous. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

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 6-730pm. 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.

2025 Assignment – Let’s start this year by praying for our neighbors! If your last name begins with:

A-C - pray for families north of the church on Curtis, Spencer, Columbia and Ashland.

D-K - pray for people living to the east on Penn, Portland, Eastern Place, Northfield Dr. and Emerald.

L-R - pray for neighbors to our south on Leonard, Barnett, Hubert and Edmund.

S-W - pray for the households to the west on Union, Paris, College, Brenner and Carrier.

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