

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

9 February 2025

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

As we listen in on Paul's prayers and plans for his gospel ministry, we will uncover key truths for our prayers and plans today.

Prelude	<i>Abide</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> <i>Build My Life</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>We Fall Down</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs</i>	
Message	ROMANS #6 – PLANS & PRAYERS <i>Dr. Branson Parler</i> ROMANS 15:23-33 (P.1103)
Communion	
Singing	<i>King of Kings</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at Fourth

Today	Greeters	Tom & Norma Boehm Next week: Dave & Richanda Bolt
	Nursery	Jeni Wammack, Beth Rossiter Next week: Erin Broene, Amy Coeling
	Children's Worship	Josh Schalk, Eliana Parler Next week: Erin Meendering, Clara Broene
	Coffee	Paul & Amy Baragar Next week: Bob & Connie Scherpenisse
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
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Monday	6:00 PM	GEMS Taco Night <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>
	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
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Saturday	9:00 AM	Women's Passion Prayer <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>

Praise & Prayer

Nancy Brinks had a successful procedure to increase flexibility in her knee. Please keep praying for her as she deals with significant pain, and has daily physical therapy to improve strength.

Pray for **Etta Denbesten** who is dealing with constant back pain. Pray that God will give her quick relief.

Pray for **The Foundry** as they plan, pray, and discern about the fall 2025-2026 ministry calendar. Pray that God will raise up partner churches who are enthusiastic about equipping church leaders, and pray that God will raise up financial partners to continue to sustain their ministry.

2025 Prayer Assignment

Let's pray for our neighbors! If your last name begins with:

A-C - pray for families on Curtis, Spencer, Columbia & Ashland.

D-K - pray for people on Penn, Portland, Eastern Place, Northfield & Emerald.

L-R - pray for neighbors on Leonard, Barnett, Hubert & Edmund.

S-W - pray for the households on Union, Paris, Collee, Brenner & Carrier.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Mission India

During 2024, 19,830 church planters were trained to reach 3,332,724 people, placing 2,310,730 Scriptures with the result of 704,147 new disciples in India. Praise God for the work of the Spirit through Christ. Donations can be given online through our website, or through the offering plate throughout the month of February.

Praying About our Name

We have one more week of this initial season of praying about our name. You are invited to join us at 7:00pm on Thursday as we consider who God says that we are.

Thank You

The family of Scott S. Smith would like to extend our deepest gratitude and thanks to the congregation of Fourth Reformed Church. Thank you for allowing us to use your church for Scott's funeral service. Thank you to Pastors Tim and Eric, for your beautiful words and sermon. We also want to extend a thank you to the pianist, Kongcheng, for his excellent music before, during, and at the conclusion of the service. The family felt the love from all of the congregation of Fourth Reformed and we all appreciate the opportunity to celebrate Scott's life at your church.

Fasting Week (Save the Date)

Save the dates of March 3-7 for Fasting week 2025. We've held a week of prayer and fasting twice as a church, and they have been incredible times of experiencing the presence of the Spirit. There will be gatherings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday that week at 7:00pm to fast, pray, and seek God together! More information will be coming soon.

Deacon Update

We will be keeping you updated each month as the Deacons count the offering. For January 2025 we collected \$20,231 for general offering which is \$2,500 below our monthly needs. The January mission offering for Words of Hope totaled 1,515.00. As we closed out 2024 we wanted you to be aware that our expenses far exceeded our giving. Income for 2024 was \$266,124 while our expenses were \$338,246 or 79% for the year. Your continued support of our ministries is greatly appreciated. If giving online is easier, you can access our online giving site through our website at: fourthchurch.com or scan the QR Code below:



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

Announcements - Continued

GEMS Taco Night

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 by email at: eebroene@gmail.com. Please include any dietary restrictions. Also save the date for Saturday, March 8 for a craft event.

'The Forge' a gathering for Men

'The Forge' meets again Thursday, February 20 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the table in the narthex so we know how many to plan on for the meal. This is our third meeting, each one is separate from the others, so please come and check it out. We talk about life on life with other men.

Community Dinner

Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00pm is our next community dinner - sign up if you want a seat at the table! We are serving an authentic Italian dinner with handmade pasta and meatballs. \$5 per family, pay at the door. We need 3 more people to make pasta, and 5 to make the meatballs - talk to Betsy if you're available.

Church Directory

The updated Church Directory is in your mail slots this morning. A BIG thank you to Abbie Schalk for designing the new cover!

Lost & Found

Please look through the Lost and Found, on top of the coat rack by the back handicap entrance. It will be out for two more weeks before we take it to be donated.

Nursery Items Needed

The nursery has a few needs: new baby dolls, toy cars, baby rattles, a bouncy play entertainer. If you would like to donate new or used items, you can bring them directly to the nursery. If you have questions you may contact Sarah Parler.

Flour and Sugar Needed

The Northeast Community Ministry has asked if we could help replenish their supply of **all purpose flour** and **granulated sugar**. 5 pound bags or less would be great! We have supported their pantry in the past with our Thanksgiving offerings. There is a table in the fellowship hall where you can place these donations by noon on Sunday, February 23. Thank you.