

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

30 November 2025

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

In this first week of our advent series, we'll look at the genealogy of Jesus to see that God's timing is perfect in bringing about his plan for salvation.

Prelude *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Holy Forever
We Fall Down*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *King of Kings*

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

Message **UNHURRIED CHRISTMAS: GOD'S PATIENT PLAN**
Rev. Eric Schalk **MATTHEW 1:1-17 (P. 933)**

Communion

Singing *Yes and Amen*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service



This week at **Fourth**

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| Today | Greeters | Kurt & Dawn Faasse Next week: Paul & Amy Baragar |
| | Nursery | Bob Monsma, Beth Rossiter Next week: Erin Meendering, Gail Monsma |
| | Children's Worship | Norma Boehm, Clara Broene Next week: Nicole Donovan; Nevaeh Bills |
| | Coffee | Ed & Noreen Reitsma Next week: Steve & Jeni Wammack |
| | 11:15 AM | CE Classes |
| Monday | 6:00 PM | Fourth/Coit Cadets to GR Public Museum |
| Tuesday | 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study in the Fireside room |
| | 6:30 PM | Consistory Meets in the Fireside room |
| | 8:00 PM | Elder & Deacon Meetings. Those who feel led to confess their faith, desire baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Eric prior to this meeting. |
| Wednesday | 6:30 AM | Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i> |
| 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

Luke Behm, his girlfriend Emily, and three other people from the NorthPointe Community returned home last night from a weeklong trip to Jamaica, serving the people who have been impacted by the recent hurricane. We give praise that they could be the hands and feet of Jesus and help those in need.

Continue to pray for healing and encouragement for **Nancy Aukeman, Etta Denbesten, Sandy Gleason, Marge Jeltema, Bill Pyper, Linda Randall and Lorraine Smith**.

Please be in prayer for our **Youth & Children's Ministries** and our **nursery workers!**

Jess, from our community, is asking for prayer as she battles cancer. As we've seen the power of prayer in Daniel's life, please pray for God's healing for Jess!

Let's keep praying for **our neighbors** and not give up! James tells us the earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month are Jeff and Lisa Boehm serving with YWAM in Bangkok Thailand. "Once again, we covet your prayers as we seek God's leading while we pass on to others some of our leadership roles and seek other ways God would have us serve in the years ahead. We are so grateful for your faithful prayers, encouragement, friendship, and financial support as we partner together in making God known in Thailand. Have a blessed Christmas!"

NECM Food Donations

Today is the last day to donate turkeys and/or hams for the 150 holiday baskets that North End Community Ministries (NECM) will be assembling for their clients. Coolers are available in the fellowship hall this morning for your donations.

Advent Series – Unhurried Christmas

This advent season we will be joining other Alliance of Reformed Churches with a series that looks at God's use of time. The Bible reveals a God who is unhurried, non-anxious, and prepared for every event because He sovereignly planned all of human history. This God calls us to rest in His plan and preparation as we await Jesus' second coming and ushering in of eternity. There are daily devotions that go along with this series, and you are invited to sign up for them to further help you press into this season where we slow down, and rest in the presence of Jesus. Go to the following website to sign up: <https://arc21.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1054881>

Christmas Cards

As the holiday season rolls around, we want to encourage you to send cards to folks in our church who could use some encouragement and love. A great starting point is the list of people who need prayer, but it doesn't need to stop there. Think about people you haven't seen much, or you know could use some extra love right now, and send a card their way!

Rooted Retreat

This past weekend, the Rooted youth group spent an amazing weekend at CranHill being challenged to take the next steps with Jesus. It was a crazy busy weekend, but it was a fantastic weekend of connecting with each other and with Jesus. Thanks for your prayers and financial support! We are truly blessed!

High School and Middle School CE

Due to Thanksgiving weekend, we will not be having our small groups today. We'll get back at it next week.

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