

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

**28 December 2025**

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

This morning we're going to stay in the birth narrative of Jesus to explore Joseph & Mary's journey to Egypt to escape the tyranny of Herod. Through this story we'll see the faithfulness of God in all things, and how we too can trust God's faithfulness when life is uncertain.

Prelude *We Praise You*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *Holy Forever  
We Fall Down*

Prayer of Confession

**Mission Trip Offering**  
Singing *Promises*

Kingdom Prayers

Message *Rev. Eric Schalk*  
GOD'S FAITHFUL PROVISION  
MATTHEW 2:13-23 (P. 934)

Communion

Singing *The Blessing*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	Gideon & Taylor Eising Next week: Branson & Sarah Parler
	<b>Nursery</b>	Norma Boehm, Becky Berrevoets Next week: Betsy Coutchie, Esther Peterson
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	Josh Schalk, Henry Coeling Next week: Evan Donovan, Christian Parler
	<b>Coffee</b>	Norm Schalk, Kathy Burggraaf Next week: Aaron & Wendy Wetzel, Shayla Newman
	11:15 AM	<b>No CE Today</b>

**Tuesday** 10:00 AM **Women's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*  
5:30 PM **Young Adults Progressive Dinner**

**Wednesday** 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*

**Saturday** 9:00 AM **Women's Passion Prayer** *in the Fellowship Hall*

## Praise & Prayer

Keep **Alex Smith and the rest of the Webster family** in your prayers as they grieve the passing of Jack Webster.

Continue to pray for the **family of Kongcheng's uncle, Alee Vang, who is now in Laos**. Pray that God will work to miraculously reunite this family in the very near future.

Continue to pray for healing and encouragement for **Nancy Aukeman, Etta Denbesten, Sandy Gleason, Marge Jeltima, Bill Pyper, Linda Randall and Lorraine Smith**. Also continue praying for our neighbor, **Jess**, as she battles cancer. Pray that the treatments would be successful in healing her body.

Please be in prayer for our **Women's & Men's Bible Study Groups, Dudes Group, The Forge and the Passion Prayer Group** as they meet and study the Word together.

**2026 New Prayer Assignment** – If your last name begins with  
A-C: Pray for families on Union, Paris, College, Brenner, Carrier  
D-K: Pray for families on Curtis, Spencer, Columbia, Ashland, Page  
L-R: Pray for families on Leonard, Barnett, Hubert, Edmund  
S-Z: Pray for families on Penn, Portland, Eastern Place, Northland, Emerald  
Check out the neighborhood map on the bulletin board across from the nursery. Many new families have moved here over the past year! Pray they will be drawn to our property, our church, our members and our Savior.

## Announcements

### Thank You

Nancy Aukeman wishes to thank everyone who sent cards to her this Christmas season. She has really appreciated all the notes and visits and is grateful for the body of Fourth Church.

### **Missionaries of the Month: Mission Trip**

At the beginning of June, our youth will be heading down to McLain, Mississippi for a week-long mission trip. Our students will be exposed to some incredible needs, both physical and spiritual, and will be pushed to engage the world around them in deeper ways. These types of trips are intensely formative, while students are taking what they are hearing about the gospel into very practical situations. Please consider coming alongside the youth ministry in developing the next generation of authentic disciples of Jesus! An offering for the mission trip will be taken today during our worship service, and donations can be given online through our website until the end of the month.

### **Office Hours & Early Bulletin Deadline**

Bulletin announcements for next week's bulletin are due in the office by noon on Tuesday, December 30. They can be emailed to: [office@fourthchurch.com](mailto:office@fourthchurch.com) or left on the church phone at 616.454.1561. Mary Kay will be out of the office this week. Amy Coeling will be coming in for a few hours to complete the bulletin. Please reach out to Pastor Eric or your elder or deacon if needs arise during this time.

### **150-Year Anniversary Booklets**

If you haven't already, you are going to want to check your mail slots today! In celebration of our 150-year anniversary, booklets have been made and a copy is in your mail slot. If you'd like an additional copy, they are available for purchase at \$10/each. Please see Laura O'Brock if you'd like to purchase additional copies. A special thank you to Eric, Laura and Emily O'Brock for all of their work to put this booklet together!

### **Calling young adults!**

We're having a progressive dinner on Tuesday, December 30, a time to eat and connect or reconnect. Meet at the church parking lot at 5:30 PM to carpool to several host homes for appetizers, a meal and dessert. Questions? See Erin Broene.

### **Elder Installation and Ordination**

On Sunday, January 4 we will install Taylor Eising & Norm Schalk, and ordain Shayla Newman as elders.

### **Foundry course: Engaging the New Testament**

Do you want to dig deeper into the New Testament? Do you want to understand what Jesus and Paul (not Calvin and Keller) mean by the gospel? To explore how "justification by faith" is about the ethnic makeup of the church? To understand how Acts 2 and the Holy Spirit only make sense in light of the Old Testament? To see how Revelation isn't really about "Left Behind" or the rapture but God's faithfulness in the first century and today? Branson Parler will be teaching this class, which meets at Remembrance Church on Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 21, Feb. 4, and 18 from 12pm-3pm and is FREE for people from Fourth Church. You can find more info and register at [www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/gr-nt/](http://www.thefoundrygr.org/iml/gr-nt/).

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to **follow** Jesus together, **serve** others,  
and **share** God's love.

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