

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

7 December 2025

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

In this second 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	<i>Come and Worship</i>
Welcome	
Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>Holy Forever</i> <i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>King of Kings</i>
Kingdom Prayers	
	<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs</i>
Message	UNHURRIED CHRISTMAS: GOD'S PATIENT PLAN <i>Rev. Eric Schalk</i> MATTHEW 1:1-17 (P. 933)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service



## This week at Fourth

Today	<b>Greeters</b>	Paul & Amy Baragar Next week: Marty Berthiaume, Mary Kay Townley
	<b>Nursery</b>	Erin Meendering, Gail Monsma Next week: Laura Shoults, Sarah Parler
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	Nicole Donovan; Nevaeh Bills Next week: Kristi Dennis, Ruby Parler
	<b>Coffee</b>	Ryan & Morgan Faasse Next week: Steve & Jeni Wammack
	11:15 AM	<b>CE Classes &amp; Middle &amp; High School Small Groups</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>Rooted Meets</b>
Monday	6:00 PM	<b>Fourth/Coit Cadets Meets at Fourth</b>
Tuesday	10:00 AM	<b>NO Women's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
Wednesday	6:30 AM	<b>Dude's Group</b> – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
Thursday	9:30 AM	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside Room</i>
	10:00 AM	<b>Knitting Group</b> <i>at Rest Haven</i>

## Praise & Prayer

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 **Pastor and Worship Leader** as they point us to Jesus each week. Pray that they are encouraged in their work.

Continue to pray for **Jess** as she battles cancer. Pray that the treatments would be successful in healing her body.

**Pray for the homes on your street:** that God's name will be glorified, His kingdom come, and His will be done. Expect great things!

## Announcements

### Missionaries of the Month: Mission Trip

This month, we're focusing our attention on the upcoming Rooted mission trip to McLain, Mississippi in early June. As our students grow in their faith and are learning more and more about the character of God, we want to encourage them to take opportunities to deepen their love for others, as well. So, we're partnering with MOSES to plan a mission trip to a particularly impoverished area of our country. We want to get our kids out of their comfort zones, press them to deeply trust in the work that Jesus is already doing around the world and to partner with others doing amazing kingdom work. Please consider helping our students and leaders to, not only serve in a place of great need, but also build up their hearts for the work of the kingdom.

**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** – As we take an unhurried approach to Advent, there is still time to sign up for the daily devotions that go along with this series. Go to the following website and sign up today: <https://arc21.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1054881>

**Giving Update** – We collected \$1,025.50 for North End Community Ministries through our Thanksgiving offering.

For the month of November, we collected \$22,399 which is 98% of our monthly budgeted income. We've collected \$251,544 for the year, which is 94% of our year to date income. As we wrap up our financial year at the end of December, prayerfully consider how you can help us meet our yearly budget.

**Tuesday Bible Study** – The Women's Bible Study group will NOT meet this Tuesday. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, December 16 at 10am.

**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!

**Calling young adults!** We are having a progressive dinner on Tuesday, December 30, a time to eat and connect or reconnect. Plan to meet at the church parking lot at 5:30 PM to carpool to several host homes for appetizers, a meal & dessert. RSVP to Erin Broene at 616.822.2926 by December 27, please include any dietary restrictions.

**Rooted** – Tonight, from 6-8pm, we'll be returning to the downstairs youth room for another great night of fun. Even though we completely wore you out at the youth retreat, you should be ready to run around again.

**Rooted Small Groups** – This week, after church, the high school will continue to work through the Spiritual Gifts and their projects. The middle school students will be walking through the reality that God is omniscient.

**Retreat Thanks** – I just wanted to share a quick word of thanks, first, to all the leaders that stepped up and made our annual retreat another great one! You all rock. And, second, thanks to the many amazing donors for helping us to make this a reality again. We are incredibly blessed to have so much amazing help with our youth ministry, both in leadership and in resources! Please know that this is all so hugely appreciated!

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

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