

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

**11 January 2026**

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

This morning we continue our series in Ruth, by looking at Ruth's first encounter with Boaz. Through this encounter we'll see the amazing ways God blesses Ruth's life, and how we can trust God to provide for us as well.

Prelude *Praise*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*  
*Death was Arrested*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Kingdom Prayers

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

Message *RUTH: THE KINDNESS OF GOD #2 – GENEROUS BLESSING*  
*RUTH 2 (P. 258)*  
*Rev. Eric Schalk*

Communion

Singing *Sovereign Over Us*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service

## This week at **Fourth**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	Caren Bills, Beth Rossiter Next week: Eric & Laura O'Brock
	<b>Nursery</b>	Josh Schalk, Molly Bierens Next week: Steve Wammack, Kate Schalk
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	Eliana Parler, Nicole Donovan Next week: Erin & Siena Broene
	<b>Coffee</b>	Phyllis Berrevoets, Sandy Moll Next week: Mike & Becky Berrevoets
	<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>CE Classes &amp; Middle &amp; High School Small Groups</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Rooted Meets</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Fourth/Coit Cadets</b> <i>at Fourth</i>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Foundations of Christian Doctrine</b> <i>in Fireside room</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>	<b>Dude's Group</b> – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Knitting Group</b> <i>at Rest Haven</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Women's Passion Prayer</b> <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>

## Praise & Prayer

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 Jeltema, 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.

**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

## Announcements

**Missionaries of the Month: Words of Hope is bringing Education & Hope in South Asia**

Words of Hope India operates tuition centers that help children who are falling behind—or have dropped out of school entirely—gain foundational skills in reading, writing, math, and science. These centers also create space for children and families to experience Christ's love through caring teachers and Christian community. Donations for Words of Hope can be given anytime during the month of January.

**Foundations of Christian Doctrine** – High school students and young adults: we're starting a class this Monday evening, January 12 from 6-7:30. Branson will be leading as we'll explore the core beliefs of Christianity—not as dry facts, but as a story you're actually part of. We'll dig into who God is, why the Bible matters, how Jesus can be both human and divine, what it means to be truly human, how salvation works, why the church exists, and what the future holds. Expect honest conversations, real questions, and space to think for yourself. You'll hear a Reformed perspective, but you'll also learn how Christians across traditions wrestle with these ideas—with clarity, charity, and depth. If you've ever wondered what you believe or why it matters, this course gives you the tools to explore your faith with confidence and curiosity. You can see the full schedule [here](#) or grab a flyer from the back table.

**Consistory Updates** – We closed 2025 at 99% of our budgeted income, which is just \$3,000 short of making our full budget. We praise God for his generous provisions through you all this past year!

Consistory officers for 2026 are Brian Tuberger (Vice President), Kristi Dennis (Clerk), Ryan Faasse (Chair of Deacons), and Erin Broene (Treasurer).

**Care Groups** – This morning, in your mailbox, you'll find the 2026 Care Groups. Each group has an elder and deacon who are committed to praying for the people in their group. If you have any pressing needs, prayer requests, or praises, please reach out to your elder and deacon so they can care for you well.

**Small Groups** at Fourth meet twice a month, and during that time folks eat together, pray for one another, and spend time in scripture. We currently have three small groups meeting at Fourth, and we're trying to gauge interest in creating more. If you're interested in joining a small group, please sign up today. Please indicate which evenings could potentially work for you, and if you'd be interested in leading.

**The Forge** will meet this month on Thursday, January 29 at 5:30pm. Please note the change in meeting date and time. Sign up for the meal and anticipate our conversation about what challenges men. Hope to see you in the fellowship hall on the 29th.

**Rooted** – We are so back. Please don't hate us after that brief hiatus. Tonight from 6-8pm, we're kicking 2026 off with an energy packed night. Bring your A-game and we'll bring ours.

**Rooted Small Groups** – This week, our small groups will be looking at why it is important to understand that God is infinitely wise.

**Financial Peace University Class** begins Sunday, February 8 from 2-4pm and will run through April 26 but we will not meet March 15, April 5 or 12. This class teaches biblical financial principles, how to plan so you can live and give like no one else. Sponsorships are available. To ask about receiving a sponsorship, if you would like to sponsor someone in the class, or if you would like to help with childcare during the class; contact Erin Broene 616.822.2926. If interested, please sign up in the back.

**150-Year Anniversary Booklets** – If you'd like an additional copy of the 150-Year Anniversary Booklet, they are available for purchase at \$10/each. Please see Laura O'Brock.

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

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