

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

**18 January 2026**

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

In our text, we will see how Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz all take risks as they step out in faith and trust in God's kindness to provide redemption.

Prelude	<i>Come Now is the Time to Worship</i>
Welcome Call to Worship	
Singing	<i>God of Wonders How Great is Our God</i>
Prayer of Confession	
Singing	<i>Christ is Mine Forevermore</i>
Words of Hope Video	
Kingdom Prayers	<i>Children's worship (ages 3-5) begins in room 14 upstairs</i>
Message <i>Dr. Branson Parler</i>	RUTH: THE KINDNESS OF GOD #3 – REDEMPTION RUTH 3 (P. 259)
Communion	
Singing	<i>Worthy is the Lamb</i>
Closing Blessing	

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service

## This week at **Fourth**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	Eric & Laura O'Brock Next week: Justin & Sarah Behm
	<b>Nursery</b>	Steve Wammack, Amy Coeling Next week: Dawn Faasse, Mary Kay Townley
	<b>Children's Worship</b>	Erin & Siena Broene Next week: Taylor Eising, Molly Bierens
	<b>Coffee</b>	Mike & Becky Berrevoets Next week: Don & Betsy Coutchie
	11:15 AM	<b>CE Classes &amp; Middle &amp; High School Small Groups</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Fourth/Coit Cadets</b> <i>at Fourth</i>
	6:00 PM	<b>Foundations of Christian Doctrine</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	<b>Dude's Group</b> – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	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>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:10 AM	<b>Cadet Ice Fishing</b> (see announcement for details)

## 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** 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 Equipping the Next Generation** – In addition to tutoring centers, Words of Hope India hosts youth trainings, women's retreats, and seekers' meetings across South Asia. In 2025 alone, hundreds of young people and adults were disciplined through leadership training, counseling, and Bible teaching—often bringing together believers from many denominations, united in Christ. You will see a short video about Words of Hope ministry in India today. Donations for Words of Hope can be given anytime during the month of January with a special offering being taken during our worship service next week.

### Children's Offering Envelopes

This morning you'll find offering boxes for our children on the table by the library. Part of discipleship is helping our kids learn how to give back to the Lord who blesses them. We want to encourage you all to grab a box of envelopes for your children and have conversations about what tithing is, what it's for, and how we glorify God through our giving. There's no pressure to use these but we want them to be available to you as a resource to help train up our children to walk with Jesus. If your children like to color, they can color the picture on their offering envelope!

### Thank You

Linda Randall wants to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and for the care and concern shown to her in the last few months.

### Foundations of Christian Doctrine

High school students and young adults: join us on Monday evenings from 6-7:30pm for a class on Foundations of Christian Doctrine led by Branson Parler. 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.

### Small Groups

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

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.

**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.

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

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## **Announcements (continued)**

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### **Cadet Ice Fishing Day**

The Cadet Ice Fishing excursion is coming up on January 24. We will be fishing at Brower Lake in Rockford, MI at Counselor Gerrit's brother-in-law's house. Last year we caught a few northern pike on tip-ups! No fishing experience needed - we will supply fishing equipment and hot chocolate. Dress in winter clothes appropriate for sledding.

There are two options for pick up/drop off:

1. Drop off your son at Fourth Reformed Church at 9:10 AM. Counselor Jeff will bring him back to your house after (probably around 1 PM).
2. Drop off your son at 8585 Brower Lake Drive NE, Rockford, MI 49341 between 9:30 and 9:45 and pick him back up at the same place at noon.

Please RSVP to Jeff Broene whether you will be attending and if so, which transportation method you are planning on. Dads are welcome to stay and fish.

### **Rooted Small Groups**

This week, both the high school and middle school will be studying about how faithfulness is part of the fabric of who God is.

### **Rooted Mission Trip**

I just wanted to write a quick note to say thank you for the incredible outpouring of generosity last month. Thank you so incredibly much for helping us get this mission trip going. Your gifts will make it so much easier for kids (and leaders) to dive deep into the practice of serving others and continuing to root ourselves in the love of Jesus. Just when I think I couldn't be blown away again, it happens yet again. Thank you so much, church!

### **Free Concert**

On **January 22 at 7:00pm**, Rockford Reformed Church will be hosting **John Van Deusen** for a free concert in support of his newest album, *As Long as I Am in the Tent of This Body I Will Make a Joyful Noise, Pt. 1*. John is a thoughtful, Christ-centered songwriter whose music engages honestly with faith, doubt, grace, and hope. His work is rooted in Scripture and marked by humility rather than performance or hype. His newest record was recently ranked **#2** on *The Gospel Coalition's* year-end list of *Best Christian Music* of 2025. The evening will be an acoustic, listening-room-style concert—designed to create space for reflection rather than spectacle.