

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

4 January 2026

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

This morning we begin a new series in the book of Ruth. Through the course of this series, we'll explore the kindness of God through his provision for his children. We'll see his kindness in our own lives, and how to live out that kindness to others.

Prelude *Come Thou Fount*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *Holy Forever
Reckless Love*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *How He Loves*

Installation & Ordination of Elders
Kingdom Prayers

Message RUTH: THE KINDNESS OF GOD #1 – KINDNESS IN
CALAMITY
Rev. Eric Schalk RUTH 1 (P. 257)

Communion

Singing *Living Hope*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Branson & Sarah Parler Next week: Caren Bills, Beth Rossiter
	Nursery	Betsy Coutchie, Esther Peterson Next week: Josh Schalk, Molly Bierens
	Children's Worship	Evan Donovan, Christian Parler Next week: Eliana Parler, Nicole Donovan
	Coffee	Aaron & Wendy Wetzel, Shayla Newman Next week: Phyllis Berrevoets, Sandy Moll
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
Monday	6:00 PM	Fourth/Coit Cadets <i>at Fourth</i>
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	6:30 PM	Consistory
	8:00 PM	Elder & Deacon Meetings
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
Thursday	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	10:00 AM	Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</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
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

Elder Installation and Ordination

This morning, we will install Taylor Eising & Norm Schalk, and ordain Shayla Newman as elders.

Missionaries of the Month:

Words of Hope India, a ministry serving children, youth, and families across South Asia. Through tutoring centers, youth training, women's programs, and

Gospel outreach, Words of Hope is helping people grow in education, dignity, and faith in Christ. Please pray for their teams as they serve in challenging and often underserved communities. Donations can be given anytime throughout the month of January.

150-Year Anniversary Booklets

A copy of the 150-Year Anniversary Booklet was put in your mail slot last week. 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.

Financial Peace University

A Financial Peace University class is starting on Sunday, February 8 from 2-4. The class will run through April 26 but 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 provide childcare during the class; reach out to Erin Broene 616.822.2926. If interested, please sign up in the back.

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/.

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