

Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship
our Lord and King

8 March 2026

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

This week our series on Ecclesiastes takes us to the subject of work. We'll explore what the teacher has to say about the nature and impact of work, and wrestle with our own motivations for why we work today.

Prelude *Forever*

Welcome
Call to Worship

Singing *The Stand
I Give You My Heart*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *How He Loves*

Children's Message

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

Message **BEING HUMAN #5: WHY WORK**
Rev. Eric Schalk **ECCLESIASTES 2:18-26 (P. 648)**

Communion

Singing *All I Have is Christ*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

Today	Greeters	Bob & Connie Scherpenisse Next week: Sam & Kristi Dennis
	Nursery	Abbie Schalk, Erin Berrevoets Next week: Sarah Parler, Becky Berrevoets
	Children's Worship	Josh Schalk, Henry Coeling Next week: Evan Donovan, Christian Parler
	Coffee	Ron & Marcia Schuur Next week: Micah & Erin Meendering
	11:15 AM	CE Classes & Middle & High School Small Groups
	2:00 PM	Financial Peace Class <i>in Foundry Room, upstairs</i>
	6:00 PM	Rooted Meets
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Monday	6:00 PM	Cadets Meet
	6:00 PM	Foundations of Christian Doctrine
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Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
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Wednesday	6:30 AM	Dude's Group – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
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Thursday	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study <i>in the Fireside room</i>
	10:00 AM	Knitting Group <i>at Rest Haven</i>
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Saturday	9:00 AM	Women's Passion Prayer <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>
	9:30 AM	Cadet Pinewood Derby & Cadet-O-Rama <i>at Trinity CRC (see announcement)</i>

Announcements

Missionaries of the Month: Joel VanDyke, Jr. (son of Joel & Marilyn)
Please continue to pray for Joel and his wife Hadassa as they grow together in their marriage, for discernment of next steps of life together, as well as continued mission with Resonate Global in Spain. Pray for their relationships in the community as well as their workplaces. Pray for opportunities to witness Christ's love among the diverse ethnic and faith groups they live among. Mission offerings for Joel can be given anytime through March.

Easter & Good Friday:

- **Volunteer Opportunities** – We are looking for people to help setup for Easter breakfast, clean up that morning, and cook food. We also need at least one nursery worker for our Good Friday service. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact the front office.
- **Invite People** – Begin praying about who the Lord may want you to invite to Good Friday and Easter services. In the next week or so, we'll have flyers you can pass out to people to invite them to join us.

Updated Church Directory – We are working on an updated Church Directory. If you're currently not in the directory and would like to be, please send your name, address, phone numbers, email addresses, and birth dates of all family members, along with a family picture to office@fourthchurch.com. If you're in the directory and have changes/updates to your information, or would like to update your picture, please also send those to the church email. Deadline is March 22.

Save the date of April 21, for a bridal shower for Abbie Schalk - More details to follow.

Grand Rapids North Council Pinewood Derby & Cadet-O-Rama is a Cadet event coming up this Saturday, March 14. In the Pinewood derby, our Cadets will be racing small wooden cars they shaped, and painted. In the Cadet-O-Rama, clubs will be displaying projects and merit badges they have worked on during the Cadet season. Lots of families and friends come to enjoy the event. This year, it all happens at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 660 S. State Street, Sparta, MI 49345. There is no cost to the observers. Opening exercises start at 9:30am and races start shortly after with first grade racing first. After that, the races proceed through grades up to the oldest, usually grade nine. The kitchen will be open to sell donuts and other food in the morning, then pizza by lunch time. Things should wrap up around 1:00pm, depending on the number of boys who come out to race.

The Forge will meet Thursday, March 19 at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall. Please sign up for our meal.

ROOTED – We are back with another exciting night of fun together. We'll meet from 6-8pm like we always do.

Rooted Small Groups – This week, the high school and middle school students will be studying the life of gratitude that we are called to live in.

Mission Trip 2026 – Parents, get those forms and your deposit in ASAP! If you need another sign-up form, talk to Aaron or Abbie and we'll get one to you.

Commissioning 2026 – Join us on Sunday, March 22, from 6-8pm for a hilarious night of fun as we watch together how well our students performed various missions. I'll give you a hint: Some went okay. Most...well, you'll need to see what they got up to at the live show. Please come and help us raise a little money to send our students into the mission field for a week. Please feel free to donate what God leads you to help with!

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

Praise & Prayer

Jeff Boehm had surgery yesterday to remove his gallbladder. Please pray for a speedy recovery for Jeff, and for patience in the healing process.

Continue to pray for the **family of Kongcheng's uncle, Alee Vang**, who was deported to Laos.

Continue to pray for healing and encouragement for **Nancy Aukeman, Etta Denbesten, Sandy Gleason, Marge Jeltema, Bill Pyper** and **Lorraine Smith**.

Please pray for **our neighbor Jess** as she now also has stage 2 lymphoma cancer, and that God's healing hand will fight this cancer. Please pray she experiences healing from a difficult past, including restful sleep! Also pray that Chloe, her "adopted" daughter, gets a job soon. Also pray for healing for Chloe and Teague ("adopted" son) from difficult family situations. Jess thanks the ladies Bible Study for her prayer shawl.

Please be in prayer for **Haju's college friend Mika's parents** who are struggling with cancer. Her dad has been struggling with cancer quite some time and they recently learned that her mom also has cancer. Their names are John and Fran. He has stage 4 lung cancer, and she has stage 3 pancreatic cancer. What they need most right now is prayers for miracles.

Be an active part of "Thy Kingdom come" with prayer for **our neighbors**. Ask God to bless them, and change me - not the other way around. A-C: west; D-K: north; L-R: south; S-Z: east.

