

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

12 April 2026

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

This week we kick off a new series called "Why Do We?" Over the course of about 8 weeks we're going to look at why we pray, give, sing, celebrate the Lord's Supper, and more. So much of life can be reduced to going through the motions, but we want to explore how the life God calls us to is filled with purpose.

Prelude *This is Amazing Grace*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *Be Thou My Vision*  
*What a Beautiful Name*

Prayer of Confession

Singing *Stronger*

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

Message **WHY DO WE GATHER?**  
*Rev. Eric Schalk* ACTS 2:42-47 (P. 1057)  
HEBREWS 10:24-25 (P. 1168)

Communion

Singing *This I Believe*

Closing Blessing

Our offering this morning will be received  
following our worship service

This week at **Fourth**

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Greeters</b> Micah & Erin Meendering Next week: Ron & Marcia Schuur
	<b>Nursery</b> Esther Peterson, Eliana Parler Next week: Betsy Coutchie, Becky Berrevoets
	<b>Children's Worship</b> Taylor Eising, Molly Bierens Next week: Becky Tubergen, Maddie Bierens
	<b>Coffee</b> Sam & Kristi Dennis Next week: Bob & Connie Scherpenisse
	11:15 AM <b>CE Classes Meet</b>

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<b>Monday</b>	6:00 PM <b>Cadets Meet</b> 6:00 PM <b>Foundations of Christian Doctrine</b>
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<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 AM <b>Women's Bible Study</b> <i>in the Fireside room</i> 6:30 PM <b>Consistory Meets</b> 8:00 PM <b>Elder &amp; Deacon Meetings</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM <b>Dude's Group</b> – <i>New Beginnings, Michigan St</i>
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<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> 5:30 PM <b>Forge Gathering</b> <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i>
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<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM <b>Cadet trip to USS Silversides</b> <i>(see announcement)</i>
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## Praise & Prayer

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Continue praying for **Nancy Brinks** as she awaits appointments and tests regarding her diverticulitis and the spots on her liver. Please pray for healing!

Continue to pray for the **NorthPointe Chorale** as they wrap up their Jamaica mission trip tomorrow. Pray for safe travel!

Pray for all the **folks traveling** back from Spring Break trips.

We give praise that **Etta Denbesten** continues to do well following her hip replacement surgery.

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

Continue to pray for encouragement for **our shut-ins** as they miss being able to worship with us.

Continue praying for **our neighbor Jess**. Pray for God's healing hand in her cancer journey, healing from a difficult past, and that she would be able to get restful sleep! We give praise that **Chloe** starts a new job in May!

"Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you."  
1 Samuel 12:23 Ask God to bless **our neighbors** with good health. Pray for those according to the direction laid out on the bulletin board.

## Announcements

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### Missionaries of the Month: The DeLeón Family

Over the past 4 years, Spain has continued to be one of the fastest-growing economies in Europe. The increased migrant population in the workforce has played a key role in boosting the economy. In addition, Spain's free public healthcare allows anyone living in the country to have access to free medical services, and it is considered one of the best and most efficient in Europe. Spain also offers a structured asylum process that allows refugees to remain in the country as they work towards gaining legal status for employment. We feel blessed that we can walk alongside these families and be part of their lives, especially during a time when they have the most need. Gifts for the DeLeón family can be given anytime throughout the month of April.

**Financial Peace University Class** will not meet today. Our last two meetings are April 19 & 26.

**The Forge** meets Thursday, April 16 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for the meal.

**Cadets** – This Saturday, April 18, is our trip to the Silversides submarine and museum in Muskegon. We'll meet at church at 9:00am, tour the sub and museum, and find a place in Muskegon to eat lunch. The club will cover the cost of the admission and food, so there is no charge to Cadets or their families for this one. We should be back to church in the early afternoon. Parents, unless you hear otherwise, please plan to pick up your sons at church at about 1:30pm.

**Bridal Shower** – Come help us celebrate the upcoming wedding of Abbie Schalk & Bruce Lyu with a bridal shower for Abbie on April 21 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you're able to attend, please sign the sheet in the back of church so we know how many to plan for! They are registered at Target and Amazon.

**Rooted** – We'll be back next week with a crazy night of fun together!

**You're Invited! Mission India Banquet of Praise** will be held on May 11 at 11:30am at Frederik Meijer Gardens. Enjoy fellowship, sharing a free meal together and celebrating what God is doing in India. We will hear the thrilling story of 3 million people who became new disciples last year. Tables will be reserved for our church. Event is open to all adults and entry to Meijer Gardens is complimentary to all banquet guests. Please make your reservation by signing the sheet in the narthex by April 26.

**Summer Camp Scholarships** – Fourth will be offering scholarships for Christian summer camps for 2026 in partnership with the ARC, which is generously supporting Fourth with a grant. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship for your child, please contact Erin Broene at 616-822-2926 or [eebroene@gmail.com](mailto:eebroene@gmail.com) for an application.

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

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