

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

26 April 2026

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

Why do we pray? That's the question we'll be exploring this morning. Like anything else, our prayer lives can become routine, so this morning we'll look through scripture to remind ourselves why it is we talk with God.

Prelude *Here I Am to Worship*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *All Creatures of Our God and King*  
*King of My Heart*

Prayer of Confession

**Mission Offering for the DeLeón Family**

Singing *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Kingdom Prayers

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

Message **WHY DO WE PRAY?**  
*Rev. Eric Schalk* **MATTHEW 5:5-15 (P. 936)**

Communion

Singing *Lord, I Need You*

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> Mike & Nancy Brinks Next week: Mike & Becky Berrevoets
	<b>Nursery</b> Josh Schalk, Molly Bierens Next week: Steve Wammack, Kate Schalk
	<b>Children's Worship</b> Nicole Donovan, Liam Baragar Next week: Evan Donovan, Nevaeh Bills
	<b>Coffee</b> Marty Berthiaume, Mary Kay Townley Next week: Jeff & Erin Broene
	11:15 AM <b>CE Classes &amp; Rooted Small Groups</b>
	2:00 PM <b>Last Financial Peace Class</b>

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**Tuesday** 10:00 AM **Women's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*

**Wednesday** 6:30 AM **Dude's Group** – *New Beginnings, Michigan St*

**Thursday** 9:30 AM **Men's Bible Study** *in the Fireside room*  
10:00 AM **Knitting Group** *at Rest Haven*

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## Praise & Prayer

Ron TerMolen passed away unexpectedly this past week. He had been struggling with illness for a while, but his death was a huge shock for everyone. Please keep the **TerMolen Family** in your prayers this week as they continue to grieve the passing of Ron, and prepare for his funeral service.

Continue praying for: **Nancy Brinks** as she awaits appointments and tests regarding her diverticulitis and the spots on her liver; continued healing for **Etta DenBesten**; **our shut-ins** as they miss worshiping with us; healing for **our neighbor Jess**; for **Chloe** as she starts her new job soon; and for the **family of Kongcheng's uncle, Alee Vang**, who was deported to Laos.

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## Announcements

**Missionaries of the Month: The DeLeón Family** – “This past year has been very busy with teams and interns serving together here at the community center! In May, we have one more team from West Michigan coming before we head to the US, a group of students from Hope College. In June, our interns will complete their 9-month program with us! Thankful for a year full of learning more in this role and being a part of these young leaders' lives! We currently offer two types of volunteer work: a 3-month stay or a 9-month stay in one of our partner locations through our mission, Resonate. These locations are: Lithuania, Germany, Hungary, and Spain. If you are interested in serving abroad, reach out to us via email: [garyracheldeleon@gmail.com](mailto:garyracheldeleon@gmail.com)!” We will take a special offering for the DeLeón's during our worship service this morning. You can also give online through our website until the end of the month.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

On Saturday, May 16 we will have our annual spring work day at the church. More details to come, but lunch will be provided!

### Church Directory Draft

Please stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall today to check your information in the updated Church Directory. Make any necessary corrections or updates next to your listing, or if everything looks good, put your initials next to your listing.

### Youth Ministry Assistant

We recently sent out a letter about Abbie stepping down as our Youth Ministry Assistant. If you haven't read that yet, it is in your mailbox. In the coming weeks we will be looking to find someone to fill that role, helping Aaron with the youth ministry. If you are interested, please talk to Aaron soon.

### Planning Center

Fourth Church is happy to announce that we will be utilizing Planning Center Online to help organize and communicate volunteer schedules for our Sunday worship. Volunteer communications will go to your email the week before you are scheduled to volunteer. Watch your emails for those reminders beginning in May!

### 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. Through the generosity of those that attended last year's banquet, there were 255 new churches planted in India that have resulted in 6,248 new believers! Event is open to all adults and entry to Meijer Gardens is complimentary to all banquet guests. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!**

### Rooted Small Groups

This week, we'll take a second stab at talking about God's nature of loving. It's going to be a great conversation!

### 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.

### King's Choraliars Spring Concert

The King's Choraliars 2026 Spring Concert, "The Lamb Upon the Throne" will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 7:30pm at Trinity United Reformed Church, 7350 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Caledonia, MI. As always, there is no charge to attend their concerts! Also, there are FREE CD's from the King's Choraliars on the table by the library. Help yourself!

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

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