

# Fourth Reformed Church

To celebrate and worship  
our Lord and King

31 May 2026

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

We started this sermon series asking, "Why do we gather?" Today, as we wrap up the series we ask, "Why do we go?" Through our text this morning we'll examine why we are sent into the world as ambassadors of Christ.

Prelude *House of the Lord*

Welcome  
Call to Worship

Singing *Come Thou Fount  
What a Beautiful Name*

Prayer of Confession

**Mission Offering for The Foundry**  
Singing *All I Have is Christ*

Kingdom Prayers

Message **WHY DO WE GO?**  
*Rev. Eric Schalk* 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11 - 6:2 (P. 1121)

Communion

Singing *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

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> Dave & Judy Portinga Next week: Jeff & Erin Broene
	<b>Nursery</b> Eliana Parler, <b>Adult Needed</b> - if you can help, please stop by the nursery to see if it's been covered Next week: Julie Schalk, Maddie Bierens
	<b>Coffee</b> Jon & Esther Peterson Next week: Ryan & Morgan Faasse

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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>	10:00 AM <b>Knitting Group</b> <i>at Rest Haven</i>
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<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM <b>Women's Passion Prayer</b> <i>in the Fellowship Hall</i> 10:00 PM <b>Rooted Mission Trip Begins</b>
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## Praise & Prayer

Pray for **Tom & Jo Broughton** and a praise! It was recently discovered that Tom's cancer had spread to his spine, which was putting pressure on a nerve and keeping him from being able to walk. Last week Thursday, after a time of prayer over him, God began to heal him. His pain went away, and slowly his ability to walk has returned. We praise God for answered prayer, and ask that you keep praying for God to heal his body!

Pray for **Sandy Gleason**, who fell this past week and broke her leg. While the fracture was small, she needed surgery to put in a plate, and will have a lengthy recovery ahead. Pray for pain management, strength, and healing.

Pray for **Nicole Donovan's sister Jen**, who was admitted to the hospital in critical condition this week from a severe infection causing headaches, fever and a cardiac event that thankfully they were able to control with medication. Pray that the antibiotics will work to clear up the infection and for relief from the pain. Pray also for encouragement as she has not been able to see her infant son during this time, which has been very difficult.

Continue praying for: **Our shut-ins** as they miss worshiping with us; healing for **our neighbor Jess** and protection from the enemy for this family; We give praise that **Chloe** has started her job after successfully completing her training; and for the **family of Kongcheng's uncle, Aleo Vang**, who was deported to Laos.

Continue praying for **our neighbors** according to the direction laid out on the bulletin board across from the nursery. Pray specifically for emotional strength!

## Announcements

### Lost & Found

We've accumulated a lot of items that have been left around the church again. Please check the table in the narthex to see if any of the items are yours. Anything left after June 7 will be donated or disposed of.

### Missionaries of the Month: The Foundry

When The Foundry began five years ago, Jeff Fisher—our Professor of Theology, Director of Spiritual Formation, and "accidental CFO"—shared a word of caution. He warned us that years three through five often bring a significant drop in donations, leaving us to wonder about our long-term financial stability as we grew. Today, we have a wonderful update to share: even as we increase our revenue through new courses and training sessions, our financial health remains just as robust as it was on day one. We are so encouraged to see that our resources are sustaining this mission. In faith, we trust that the work we are doing is approved by God and vital for the Church. Branson often asks, "Do you see?". It is our prayer that we remain a people who truly see what the Lord is doing and move in joyful alignment with His vision. We will take a special offering during our worship service this morning for The Foundry, or you can place your donation in the offering plate after the service, or donate online through our website. Today is the deadline for donations.

### NO Tuesday Bible Study

The Women's Tuesday morning Bible Study will not meet this week. We will resume on June 9 at 10am.

### Planning Center

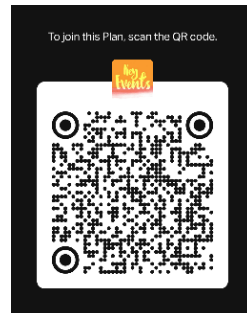
Planning Center is up and running. Please watch your email for reminders when you are scheduled for nursery, coffee, greeter, etc. on a Sunday.

### Rooted Mission Trip

Saturday night at 10pm, we'll be heading out to Mississippi for a week-long trip to help out where we can in a deeply impoverished community. Please be in prayer for the leaders and the students, for safety, encouragement and for genuine growth with Jesus and this community. Thanks, church, for all the support you give this important ministry of the church!

### Summer Reading Program Begins Tomorrow!

Join us for an 89-day reading plan this summer that will walk us through the key events of the Bible. There are readings 5 days a week that include a small introduction to the reading to help follow the big story of Scripture, and then 1 chapter of Bible reading. The plan will be starting June 1 and will wrap up on August 29th! Scan the QR code to join the group on YouVersion. Sadly, there is not a PDF version of the plan so please reach out to Kristi Dennis or another member of consistory for help.



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

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