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**A Meeting with God and His People  
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King  
January 26, 2014**

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Welcome to our guests! Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our church family, please fill out a "Visitor Card" found in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate later in the service. Following the service, please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee, cookies and fellowship.

As we gather around the sacrament of communion and the preaching, we will see how Jesus is our persevering joy for the intense and lifelong journey of discipleship. Pray for the Holy Spirit to do his powerful, life-giving work of revealing our hearts and the wonder of the gospel.

PRELUDE Worship Team

*Your Grace Is Enough*

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Trading My Sorrows*

PRAYER

*He Will Rejoice Over You*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Joy in the Journey*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AGES 3 - 5.5 ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN  
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AT THIS TIME IN ROOM 3.

THE GOSPEL PREACHED Pastor Tim Meendering

***"Joy for the Journey" – Follow Me #4***  
John 2:1-11 (p. 1028)

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**THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

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**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
I believe in a holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION

Fourth Church welcomes all baptized Christians--who are trusting in  
Jesus Christ for salvation and are members, in good standing, of a  
congregation that proclaims the gospel - to receive the  
Holy Communion with us.

PRAYER

COMMUNION – Words of Institution

COMMUNION OFFERING FOR MEL TROTTER MINISTRY

*There Is Joy In The Lord*

BENEDICTION

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***This Week at Fourth...***

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**Today, January 26**

- **Nursery Workers:** Leslie Hawkins and Erin Broene. Next week: Amy Adams and Julie Gleason.
- **Greeters:** Chad & Amy Kooyer. Next week: Kurt & Dawn Faasse.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Katie Faasse and Avery Gleason. Next week: Jennifer Wammack and Sam Tubergen.
- **Coffee** will be served by Eric & Julie Schalk and Jeff & Erin Broene. Next week: Justin & Elise Leasure and Beau & Beka McDowell.
- 11:00 AM - **Kids Praise.**
- 11:15 AM - **Christian Education.**
- 5:00 PM - **Lifeline Groups.**

**Tuesday, January 28**

- 10:00 AM - **Women's Bible Study.**
- 3:30 PM - **180 Homework Help.**
- 6:45 PM - **Prayer Gathering in Room 1.**
- 7:00 PM - **High School.**

**Thursday, January 30**

- 5:00 PM - **180.**
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### ***Praise & Prayer Concerns***

- We give thanks for some good progress for **Bob Scherpenisse's brother, Don**. Continue to pray for progress and strength for the healing process. The family sends their sincere appreciation for our prayers.
- Pray for **John Haney** as he has not been doing well and we anticipate that this will especially be a difficult week.
- We give thanks that **Tim Randall** was discharged on Sunday after being hospitalized at the Meijer Heart Center following complications from a virus/bacterial infection.
- Pray for healing and grace for the **Woods family** as they undergo significant hard times relating to their marriage.
- Remember the **Ortiz family** in their daily challenges and Jessica as her uncle recently passed away following an extended illness.
- **Amy Parmeter's Dad** has received discouraging news that Mayo Clinic indicating that they, too, decline to go forward with his much-needed lung/liver transplant. The family struggles to know how to regroup and respond and in the meantime, it's very difficult to watch him fight for air with every breath. Amy greatly appreciates our prayers, cards and encouragement through these last few months and covets our prayers for her Dad and Mom as caregiver.
- Pray for **God's grace and protection for our marriages** and for healing and reconciliation for those that are in crisis and struggling.

### ***Announcements***

#### **Women's Ministry**

- Connie Larson would love to teach women to help carry on the prayer shawl ministry. If you are interested, there will be a gathering tomorrow evening, January 27, at Rest Haven from 6:30 - 8 PM. Rest Haven is just a couple blocks north of Fourth on Union. Her room is #212. Come and leave when you must.
- There was great discussion at the women's meeting last Sunday. A committee has been created and they are formulating a plan for the year. See Marcia Schuur for questions or suggestions.

**Ordination** - Join us as we celebrate the ordination of Eric Schalk as a Specialized Minister in the RCA on Sunday, February 9, at 2 PM here at Fourth. Following the service, we will have a dessert reception. New City Neighbors is providing a cake, but because we don't know how many will attend, we would appreciate several people signing up to bring additional desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church if you are willing to contribute. Thank you!

# Fourth Reformed

A Community Redeemed  
to Redeem Our Community



Seeking to be a joyful, welcoming community that is transformed by the gospel, nurtured in God's Word, and led by His Spirit to redeem the city and beyond.

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**Adult Ed** will begin studying today “What is the gospel?” Often, we think of the gospel as a me-centered gospel—about what Jesus does for me. But the gospel is centered on what God is doing through Jesus to bring Israel’s story to its fulfillment, which includes renewing God’s people so that they will be a blessing to all the nations. A Jesus-centered gospel rather than a me-centered gospel is key in helping us to embrace authentic discipleship. Join us in the fireside room as we examine Scripture and our own assumptions about what the gospel is.

**Mission of the Month - Words of Hope (WOH)** “How can we become more like Jesus each day? Do I need to follow the ceremonies of my previous religion? How **should I pray**? How can I find a New Testament? How can I have assurance that God has forgiven me?”

All these questions came from a persistent woman who called the WOH Iranian broadcast voicemail every day for two months. The Iranian government blocked the number. They also censor the mail, jam radio signals, and burn Bibles. When this woman finally got through, WOH was able to contact her and help her discover answers to her questions. God will draw people to Himself and radio is one of the safest ways to get the Good News to people in such a heavily censored nation. WOH's Persian broadcasts can be heard throughout Iran every day. Thank you for your gifts to support this ministry. Additional gifts and especially your prayer support are welcome.

### **Kids Hope USA**

- **Pizza Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday, February 12 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Kent Hills School. Mentors, Prayer Partners and Substitutes, if you are able to attend, please sign up by February 9.
- **Praise & Prayer** - We give praise that consent has been received for one of our new students. Please be in prayer for Connie Scherpenisse as she meets with this student on Tuesday.

### **New City Neighbors**

- **TRIP** - Our credit so far this year is \$142. Orders placed today can be picked up after 10:30 AM on Tuesday.
- **High School** - We meet again this Tuesday to continue looking at the Book of Nehemiah. It's too cold for ice cream so we'll have something warm to eat, but not lasagna... I know how you all feel about that.
- **180** - There are only a few empty dessert spots for 2014. If you can help us out with some cookies or other goodies, please sign up today!

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### **Sermon Notes:**