
**A Meeting with God and His People
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King
February 23, 2014**

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.

This morning, we will finish up our sermon series on what it means to follow Jesus as we soon begin into Lenten season and turn our focus toward the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. The story of Zacchaeus reveals a great deal about who Jesus is and thus how we are to relate to him and others. When you understand that Jesus is your Lord, Pursuer and Friend, it will transform you into one who pursues and becomes a friend to others.

PRELUDE

*Here I Am To Worship
Crown Him With Many Crowns
Melissa Schalk - violin*

Noreen Reitsma

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

*O For A Thousand Tongues
Majesty
O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

PRAYER

In Christ Alone

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
MISSION OFFERING FOR MISSION INDIA

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

"Lord, Hound and Friend" – Follow Me #8
Luke 19:1-10 (p.1017)

Here I Am Lord

BENEDICTION

This Week at Fourth...

Today, February 23

- **Nursery Workers:** Elise Leasure and Grace Wammack. Next week: Betsy Coutchie and Erica Stone.
- **Greeters:** Mike & Suzanne Bolt. Next week: Scott & Melissa Schalk.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Amy Baragar and Abbie Schalk. Next week: Lynn Simone and Nicholas Walton.
- **Coffee** will be served by Mike & Becky Berrevoets and Bill & Marty Pyper. Next week: Bob & Connie Scherpenisse and Mike & Nancy Brinks.
- 11:00 AM - **Kids Praise Team will not meet this morning.**
- 11:15 AM - **Christian Education.**
- 5:00 PM - **Lifeline Groups.**

Tuesday, February 25

- 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, February 27

- 5:00 PM - **180.**

Praise & Prayer Concerns

- Pray for the couples who will be participating in the **Fourth Marriage Retreat** in March. Pray for health, love, healing and joy for our marriages and families.
- Pray for good health and improvement for **Kurt Faasse** after he underwent a cardioversion procedure on Friday to resolve a concern with heart arrhythmia.
- We give thanks how God is working behind-the-scenes to bring the Gospel message to India through the efforts of **Mission India**.
- Give thanks for progress with health and strength for **Lawrence Meendering** (Pastor Tim's father) after he underwent an emergency procedure to install a pacemaker on Tuesday.
- Pray for healing and faith for the **Woods family** and other families who are struggling.
- Continue to pray for **Jerry Wierenga** as he recovers from surgery around his eye to remove some basil cell carcinoma. He is scheduled to undergo further repair next week Monday.

Announcements

Mission of the Month - Over their 30+ years of ministry, **Mission India** has held fast to: Ministering exclusively in India. Over a billion people call India home. With 400+ million that have yet to even hear the name of Jesus, India is the most unreached nation in the world. Equipping India's believers. God is raising up ordinary men and women to share the Gospel in remote villages, cities, and urban slums. Mission India equips them with training, resources, and accountability. Fulfilling their God-given vision. Mission India's vision is making disciples to transform India for Christ. They do this by equipping India's Christians to share their faith, mentor new disciples, and plant reproducing churches. **Thank you** for supporting this ministry through prayer and your giving this month. Our offering for Mission India will be taken this morning.

Vacation - Pastor Tim will be on vacation this week, so next Sunday, Jake Parks, our intern from Western Seminary, will lead us in worship.

Red Prayer Box - There is a red prayer box on the sign up table that enables you to put in requests each week that will be prayed for on Tuesday evenings. Give us the opportunity and privilege of interceding for you.

Organic Outreach for Ordinary People is a conference led by Dr. Kevin Harney that will fire up and equip you to share Jesus in new and effective ways. The event is on Saturday, March 22, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Registration is \$30, which includes a book and lunch and it is being held at Central Wesleyan Church in Holland. Kevin is an excellent teacher and equipper for this work to which we are all called. We will gather at church at 8 AM to carpool. Sign up in the narthex so that we can register as a team. Leaders and those interested are also encouraged to consider the leadership training for organic outreach on Friday. Scholarships are available if you need assistance with the registration fee. Details can be found at westmichigandistrict.com.

Kids Hope USA Leadership Team Meeting will be held on March 5 at noon in the Kids Hope USA office.

Membership Class - Pastor Tim will be hosting a membership class that is made up of two parts that are taught over the evenings of March 9 AND 16 (7-9 PM). This class prepares new or soon-to-be new members for faithfully taking up their position in our church family. But it is also a great way for you to learn some essentials of the faith, explore what it means to profess your faith and become a member of Fourth. If this would serve you at this time, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

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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Fourth Marriage Retreat – March 29 at Fourth – We will meet at 1 through 9 PM at Fourth and enjoy times of learning from Scripture and each other through discussions, teaching and a panel of couples. If you are engaged or married—whether it has been for six months or sixty years—we want you to join us. Please pray for the preparations and great participation for this important event for our church family. **Sign up to indicate your plans to participate.**

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 night, 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. Sign up so Connie has an idea of how many women are coming.

New City Neighbors

- **TRIP** - Our credit so far this year is \$328. Orders placed today can be picked up after 10:30 AM on Tuesday.
- **High School** - We meet this Tuesday at 7:00 PM to continue our series on Nehemiah. Snacks will be provided.
- **180** - We have a few spots open for desserts. If you are able to help us out, please sign up today.
- **New City Urban Farm** - The farm is offering farm shares for 2014. We have full, half and quarter shares available. We are excited to be able to receive EBT with Double-up-Bucks this season for any farm share purchases. We also have an online application form for any high school students who would like to participate in our summer employment program. We will be hiring 8 students again this year. Pick up a farm brochure in the back, visit our website www.newcityneighbors.org/farm, or email Lance Kraai at lancek@newcityneighbors.org if you would like to receive more information.

Hymnfest - In a joint effort of the CRC and the RCA, the new hymnal, *Lift Up Your Hearts*, is the focus of a series of hymnfests. You are invited to participate as choir or audience members in the *Singing the Whole Story Hymnfest* this afternoon at 3 PM at the Kuyper College chapel. More information can be found at www.kuyper.edu/hymnfest.

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Sermon Notes:
