
**A Meeting with God and His People
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King
March 9, 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.

Easter, like spring this year, is late. But on this past Ash Wednesday, a 40-day (Sundays not included) countdown has begun, marking the start of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus and his suffering, sacrifice, death, burial and resurrection. During this season, leading up to Easter, our sermon topics will thus focus on Jesus' suffering and sacrifice and how it changes us today.

Our sermon today revolves around the farcical trial of Jesus and why our infinitely powerful King would submit himself to the shame of the cross. And how does Jesus' surrender to and death on the cross impact the way that we live today?

PRELUDE Worship Team

We Are People On A Journey

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

Days of Elijah

PRAYER

*You Are My King
Be Unto Your Name
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land

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

"King on a Cross"
John 18:28-19:16 (p.1050)

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BENEDICTION

This Week at Fourth...

Today, March 9

- **Nursery Workers:** Lynn Berthiaume and Amy Coeling. Next week: Jeni Wammack and Caren Bills.
- **Greeters:** Ruth Meendering and Sue Berrios. Next week: Kenny & Amy Holubeck.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Julie Gleason and Gabe Hawkins. Next week: Dawn Faasse and James Brinks.
- **Coffee** will be served by Tom & Norma Boehm and Eric & Laura O'Brock. Next week: Tom & Amy Adams and Ralph & Lynn Simone.
- 11:00 AM - **Kids Praise Team.**
- 11:15 AM - **Christian Education.**
- 7:00 PM - **New Members Class.**

Monday, March 10

- 7:00 PM - **High School.**
- 7:00 PM - **Women's Study** at Phyllis Berrevoets' home.

Tuesday, March 11

- 10:00 AM - **Women's Bible Study.**
- 3:30 PM - **180 Homework Help.**
- 6:45 PM - **Prayer Gathering in Room 1.**
- 6:45 PM - **Deacons and Elders** meet. Those who feel led by the Holy Spirit to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and those desiring baptism or transfer are encouraged to contact Pastor Tim before Tuesday.

Thursday, March 13

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

Praise & Prayer Concerns

- Pray for the couples who will be participating in the **Fourth Marriage Retreat** on March 29. Pray for health, love, healing and joy for our marriages and families.
- We give thanks for progress and continue to pray for **Jerry Wierenga** as he recovers from basil cell surgery around his eye.
- We give thanks as **Tim Randall**, after treatment that included expanding his esophagus, was discharged from Butterworth on Tuesday. Continue to pray for **David and Linda** as they persist through the significant challenges of caring for Tim.
- Pray for wisdom and boldness for our **elders and deacons** as they meet on Tuesday.
- Please be in prayer for **Diane Bingham**, retired Kent Hills Elementary School teacher, as she has her third round of chemotherapy treatment this week. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: 2205 Rosewood SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Announcements

Mission of the Month - Our Mission of the Month for March is **Joel & Marilyn Van Dyke**. The Van Dykes have lived and served in Guatemala City since 2003. Joel directs the work of CMT (Center for Transforming Mission) in Latin America under the umbrella of Christian Reformed World Missions. On a personal note, their son Joeito is 15 years old, loves baseball and is a disciplined high school student. His sister Sofia is 11 years old and is homeschooled by Marilyn. Pray for both Sofia and Marilyn as it is a very rewarding but challenging experience, as Marilyn also oversees the bookkeeping for both CRWM and CTM. The Van Dykes moved into a new home in November which allows them to host many more people from their missional community. Their plates are full but they are grateful for the opportunities God brings before them to serve him and to serve the least, the last and the lost. They give thanks and appreciate our continued support and prayers. Our mission offering will be March 23.

Lord's Supper Next Sunday – Next week, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together. As we anticipate this celebration, we do well to prepare by asking for the Holy Spirit to do his work of revealing our sin and the glory of the gospel so that we can come to the table with genuine repentance and joy in Jesus.

Communion Offering will go towards **Access of West Michigan**. Access is a faith-based leader in linking congregations to community resources to help eliminate hunger and poverty in Kent County. Access oversees the Food Pantry Network of Kent County which consists of 75 pantries, they offer pantry start-up help, food drive organization, food assistance, computer maintenance and much more. 4th Church frequently uses their knowledge and help as people knock on our door for assistance.

Pardon the Mess – You will already notice some nice improvements at the entrance to the fellowship hall and other places. And where there's work, there will be mess. So please be patient as the deacons and others continue to work toward making a number of repairs and improvements around the church.

Women's Ministry - The women's committee is planning a **Craft Night** Tuesday, March 18. Ladies, keep the date open for a night out!

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. Paper can be found next to the box.

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 C.E. – Gary Proos will be leading a class beginning on March 23 that will revolve around what Scripture and other information teaches us about life and all the daily choices we make. Even if we do nothing, it is a choice. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says that “all Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach...” There is an abundance of Scripture about work, occupation, money, life risk, good and bad times, who you associate with, what you do with your money and much more. In all the above, we will talk about seeking God’s will and wisdom to live a Christian life—thriving personally and most importantly, improving the lives of others around us.

Appreciation

- *We would like to sincerely thank the 4th congregation for all of the expressions of support - the amazing number of cards, your prayers, the beautiful prayer shawl, and your support of our children. We are truly blessed! God is faithful, and you have demonstrated His love in action.*
- Bob and Nancy Bierenga
- *I have been overwhelmed by the love and support of our church family during this tender time with my dad’s situation and Zack’s death. Thank you for all you have done and all you continue to do to carry my parents, Bob and Nancy; my sister, Sara, and her family; and our family. While the end result may not be what we longed for, we know that God is being glorified in His church. You all are living proof of that. Thank you!*
- Beka McDowell
- Jan Abbott also sends her sincere thanks for the cards and prayers during her recent illness.

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.

Sermon Note Sheets can be found next to the children's bulletins if they are not included in the bulletin.

Kids Hope USA Easter Celebration will be held on April 2 from 6 - 8 PM. We will begin with a ham dinner followed by the telling of the Easter story. Kids Hope volunteers, please make your reservation by March 30.

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 (tonight) 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 Marriage Retreat – March 29 at Fourth – We will meet from 1 to 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.**

New City Neighbors

- **TRIP** - Our credit so far this year is \$424. Orders placed today can be picked up after 10:30 AM on Tuesday.
- **High School** - We meet this **MONDAY** at 7:00 PM to continue our series on Lent. 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.