
**A Meeting with God and His People
To Celebrate and Worship our Lord and King
December 22, 2013 - Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Welcome to everyone! We are glad to have you join us for worship. 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.

Today's celebration of the sacrament of baptism will hold up God's gospel promises for us and remind us of our roles as servants for our children and others. Our "Promises" Advent sermon series will focus on how we, like Mary, can be faithful in taking up our role as "the Lord's servant."

PRELUDE Worship Team

One Small Child

WELCOME/CALL TO WORSHIP

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
"God With Us"

GATHERING AROUND THE ADVENT WREATH

Go Tell It On the Mountain

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Henry Dillon Coeling

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MISSION OFFERING FOR NEW CITY NEIGHBORS

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

"I Am the Lord's Servant" – Promises #4
Luke 1:26-38 (p. 991)

Just As I Am

BENEDICTION

This Week at Fourth...

Today, December 22

- **Nursery Workers:** Becky Gebhart, Katie Faasse and Amy Kooyer. Christmas Day: Dawn Faasse and Mary Kay Townley. Next week: Becky Berrevoets, Beth Rossiter and Amy Adams.
- **Greeters:** Mike & Becky Berrevoets. Christmas Day: Ruth Meendering. Next week: Mike & Nancy Brinks.
- **Children's Worship Leaders:** Branson Parler and Caleb Coeling. Next week: Amy Baragar and Erin Berrevoets.
- **Coffee** will be served by Ron & Marcia Schuur and Ed & Noreen Reitsma. Next week: Branson & Sarah Parler.
- 11:00 AM - **Kids Praise.**
- 11:15 AM - **Christian Education.**

Wednesday, December 25

- 10:00 AM - **Christmas Day Service.**

Praise & Prayer Concerns

- **Carolyn Ritsema** joined her Lord and Savior on Thursday at the age of 95. We praise God for the remarkable joy, bold witness and influence that she had on many of us here at Fourth in earlier years. Pray especially for Dick and Karen (Carolyn's only child) Potter as they had been caring for Carolyn in recent years and mourn this loss. A memorial service will be held at the Potter's church in Florida and a graveside service will be held in Grand Rapids in the spring/summer. The Potter's address is 601 Sand Isles Circle, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.
- Pray for pain relief and healing for **Norma Boehm** as she recovers from a knee replacement on Tuesday.
- Pray for **Amy Kooyer and family** as her father received news from a local health care provider indicating their inability to provide a lung/liver transplant. Pray for encouragement, faith and wisdom as the family will now consider pursuing a transplant through other potential health care providers.
- Pray for healing and God's provision for the **Woods family** as they struggle through some conflict and hard times.
- Pray for God's grace and protection for our **marriages and families.**
- Pray for the **elderly and others who struggle with a loneliness and sadness** that are often intensified during this holiday season.

Announcements

Join us for Worship and Celebration on Christmas Morning! This is a great way to sort through all of the distractions and get focused on giving glory to God in the highest.

Prayer Gathering on Tuesday evenings for the next two weeks will not be held. Join us again on January 7.

Mission of the Month – New City Neighbors *On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to say thank you to Fourth Reformed for your continued support over the last six years. We have been blessed to have you as a ministry partner and we look forward to sharing many more stories of transformation through the many years ahead.*

- Eric Schalk

Installation Service for Elders and Deacons Scheduled for Jan 5 - Jeff Broene, Ken Walton, Chad Kooyer, Greg Hawkins and Paul Baragar will be ordained/installed as deacons and Kurt Faasse, Norm Schalk, Eric Schalk, Bob Burggraaf, and Don Coutchie will be ordained/installed as elders for 2014.

Appreciation

- **Thanks to Julie Schalk and our youth** as we enjoy their leadership in celebration and praise to our Lord for the infinitely precious gift of Jesus.
- *We would like to thank you for the Christmas cards for Tim and mother. As we open each card, it's a reminder of all the friends we have at Fourth.* - Bertha Vander Velde, Linda, David and Tim Randall
- *On behalf of mother and the family, I would like to thank Pastor Tim and Mike Brinks for their spiritual guiding during this time. Thank you to the congregation for the love and support we felt during dad's illness and passing. Thank you for all your prayers and cards. Please continue to pray for mother as she makes the adjustments in her life as on her good days, she is trying to face the facts of dad's passing.*
- Linda Randall

Kids Hope USA Christmas Break - The students are on Christmas break until January 5. We will resume our mentoring schedule on January 6.

New City Neighbors

- **TRIP** - Thanks to all who have participated in TRIP. Our end-of-year credit was \$2,641. In the last four years we have raised \$10,634 for the ministry of New City Neighbors just by doing our weekly shopping with gift cards! We look forward to watching that amount continue to grow in 2014, beginning with orders on January 5.
- **High School** - Enjoy your Christmas and New Year. We will be back in action on January 7.
- **180** - We will be back with homework help on January 7.

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.

1226 Union NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505
616.454.1561
www.fourthchurch.com