

## 1896: A Grocery Store and a Vision

The Fourth Christian Reformed Church (CRC) didn't start with a cathedral; it started with a conversation. In 1896, a group of about ten Dutch immigrants—led by a local grocer named Bartel Botbyl—decided that the growing Dutch community in the Riverside neighborhood needed a spiritual home that spoke their language and shared their "second-wave" immigrant values.

At the time, Paterson was exploding with growth. While older Dutch families had already "Americanized" and moved into English-speaking churches, these new arrivals from provinces like Zeeland and Friesland wanted a church that felt like the home they had left behind. They met in homes and small storefronts, eventually gaining permission from Classis Hudson to formally organize as "The Fourth."

Life in the "Riverside" Neighborhood:  
In those early years, the life of a Fourth CRC member was defined by the rhythm of the Silk Mills. The church was located in the heart of a working-class enclave where the air was filled with the sound of looms and the smell of the Passaic River.

The Walk to Worship:  
Almost every member lived within a few blocks of the church. They walked to services twice (sometimes three times) on Sunday, often dressed in their finest "Sunday black," navigating the same streets where they labored 60 hours a week in the mills.

## Church Calendar

### **This Week      April 12**

Door Monitor- Andrew van der Meer  
Sound- Paul Cusack  
Video- Jon Englishmen  
Projector- Linda Van Lenten  
Nursery- Kristen Tolsma, Sally Ruitenber  
KidsChurch- Dana Miller, Alyssa Morin  
Coffee- Ed & Laura Lotz  
Prayers Of The People- Krissy Vande Vrede  
Children's Message- Kathy Faasse  
KidSpace- Jan Kuiken  
Chosen-

### **Next Week      April 19**

Door Monitor- Steve Ruit  
Sound- Paul Cusack  
Video- Dan Grimm  
Projector- Emily Lotz  
Nursery- Dana Miller, Lynn Walker, Emilia Miller  
KidsChurch- Jeanne Bushoven, Sandy Ruit  
Coffee- Bob & Janet Jacobs  
Prayers Of The People- Phil Verrengia  
Children's Message- Krissy Vande Vrede  
KidSpace-  
Chosen-

### Second Collections:

April 12- New Hope

April 19- Madison Ave

April 26- SNL Youth Group

Rev. Moses Kang  
Jay & Jess Everett, Worship Leaders

April 12, 2026

### PRELUDE

**GATHERING SONG-** *"KING OF KINGS"*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*GOD'S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE-** *"JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE"*

**CALL TO CONFESSION-** *"I LOVE THE LORD"*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SONG OF ASSURANCE-** *"I LOVE THE LORD"*

**OFFERING**

*SPECIAL COLLECTION- NEW HOPE*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION-** *"CHANGE MY HEART, OH GOD"*

**PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT**

**SCRIPTURE-** *JOB 13: 20-24, 14: 7-17*

**SERMON-** *"JOB'S RESPONSE TO SUFFERING"*

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE-** *"GOODNESS OF GOD"*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*PARTING SONG-** *"BECAUSE HE LIVES"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*DOXOLOGY-** *"CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!"*

**POSTLUDE**

**TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS**  
**& FELLOWSHIP IN THE BARN**

\*Please rise, in body or in spirit

**TODAY**, April 12,

- Is the second Sunday of Easter

**NEXT SUNDAY**, April 19,

- Is the third Sunday of Easter

#### FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children at the Table:** The elders are inviting families with children in 2nd grade and up who have been baptized and would like to partake in communion to talk to Pastor Moses for communion class. May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the communion Sunday when we receive and welcome new children to the table.

**Thank you** to all who helped with our Easter Story Walk last week. A special thank you to the women in our Ladies' Bible Study for their help in filling the plastic eggs!

**A note regarding KidsChurch, KidSpace & Chosen:** Children leaving for KidsChurch (ages 3-kindergarten) are dismissed following the children's message. Children who are leaving for KidSpace and Chosen should wait until the prayer right after the sermon is finished and then quietly go to their class. Thank you!

**Opportunities are available to lead** our Chosen class for a Sunday in April. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or see or text Jan Kuiken 551-427-4647.

**SNL ice skating today!** High school students should plan on meeting us at the Ice Vault in Wayne, from 2-4p today! Cost is \$25 and includes skate rental. We'll take care of the snacks! Bring friends! See you there!

**Ladies:** please join us every Thursday at 10 am in the Blue Room downstairs for a time of fellowship and Bible Study. If you need a ride or have any questions, please see Linda Van Lenten.

**Men's Bible Study** will be held on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Orange Room next to the nursery. Please see Bob Jacobs with any questions.

**Plastic recycling update:** Thank you to everyone who continues to support our plastic film recycling efforts! Your participation truly makes a difference- this past quarter, Packanack Elementary collected an incredible 439 lbs, and the Packanack Lake Community Association contributed 305 lbs, both of which include Faith's recycling contribution. We are so grateful for your ongoing commitment to caring for God's creation!

#### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Explore Eastern Christian This Spring-** Considering Christian education? Eastern Christian School is now offering spring campus tours for prospective families. Come see classrooms, meet faculty, and experience the community firsthand. Spring visitors will receive a complimentary EC beach tote while supplies last. Sign up at: [www.easternchristian.org/tour](http://www.easternchristian.org/tour).

#### DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - The practice of gratitude, rooted in recognizing and responding to God's constant goodness, moves us to respond fully to God's generosity. Each day this week take some time to write down one thing for which you are grateful. At the end of the week share your list with your family or friends in celebration of God's goodness and provision in your life. For more ways to practice gratitude, see [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude). Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**Kids Corner Devotions: Go Outside and Learn About God** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Go Outside and Learn About God," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Come explore God's amazing world like Job did and discover how animals, plants, and stars can teach us about how wise and powerful God is! Grab a friend or family member and go on a fun outdoor adventure with snacks, games, and even a backyard campout to thank God and learn more about Him. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Earth Day collection.



#### OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Please note the new address for *Keith Davis*: 82 Michael Dr., Wayne, NJ 07470.

*Lou Spano* remains in Kessler for rehabilitation. Please continue to keep Lou and Karen in your prayers.

Please pray for *Carrie Johnson* (wife of Rev. Michael Johnson of Cedar Hill Church) as she undergoes cancer treatment.

*Charlie Ackerman* has been moved to room 101 in the assisted living section at Allendale Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center. Please keep him in your prayers.



4/12 Caleb Morin

4/15 Beth Milkamp

4/16 Andrew Brooks

4/19 John Milkamp

**2<sup>nd</sup> collections recap:**  
**4/5/26-**  
**Missions, \$1,529**