

Nursery is available for kids up to three years of age. The nursery is located in the basement, just downstairs from the back of the sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to join us for a time of coffee and fellowship after worship. Goodies are available in the elevator room at the back of the sanctuary.

CDs of the sermon are available; please contact the church office.

Bad weather policy: If there is a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, tornado watch or warning one (1) hour before a scheduled event that event will be cancelled. If the schools have cancelled, all activities at church will be cancelled. In all other cases, check **WOODTV 8**, woodtv.com, jq99.com, or the church's website for information.

CHURCH COUNCIL AND STAFF

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Rev. Mark Bennink

PASTOR OF VISITATION

Rev. Bernie Mulder

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Chair of Council and Elders: Paul Michmerhuizen (23)
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Clerk: Roger Brower (21)
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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021



First Christian Reformed Church

Zeeland, MI

**JESUS INVITED THE CURIOUS TO "COME AND SEE."
HE ALSO DIRECTS US TO "GO AND DO."
OUR MISSION STATEMENT EMBRACES THESE BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!**

**We're experiencing Jesus' Love, His Word,
His Care & His Gifts.**

MORNING WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 *Songs of Praise: *Joyful We Adore Thee*
Oh To See The Dawn
 *God's Greeting
 *Song: *The Wonderful Cross*
 Congregational Prayer
 *Song of Preparation: *Jesus Paid It All*
 Scripture: Mark 1:40-45
 Message: **The Compassion of Jesus**
 Prayer of Commitment
 *Song: *My Tribute*
 *God's Blessing as We Depart
 *Departing Song: *Benediction/My Friends*
May You Grow In Grace

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 *Songs: *Our God Reigns*
Joy To The World
 *God's Greeting
Our World Belongs to God
 *Song: *Meekness and Majesty*
 Congregational Prayer
 *Song of Preparation: *Seek Ye First*
 Scripture: Selected Scriptures
 Message: **Training to Reign**
 Prayer of Commitment
 *Song: *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*
 *God's Blessing as We Depart
 *Departing Song: *Angels From The Realms of*
Glory

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Nursery-

Today: Denise VanderLugt, Anne Kollen, Brandon Taylor
 March 28: Bentley Kollen, Jennifer Stevens, Sam Taylor

Welcome Center-

Today: Dave and Laurel Bonnema
 March 28: Kathi Michmerhuizen

OFFERINGS

TODAY|

AM— Building Fund: Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

PM— Bethany Christian Services: A non-profit organization that provides adoption and orphan care services through a national network of over 80 locations, and 30 U.S. states.

NEXT SUNDAY|

AM— Ministry Shares: Monies to help with missionaries, training, starting new churches, denominational services, and other expenses.

PM— Zeeland Neighborhood Connections: Promote positive change in individual and families lives by connecting the impoverished in our Zeeland community with help they need.

We will not be taking offering during the worship service, there are receptacles in the back of the Sanctuary for your offering. Thank you.

WELCOME TO FIRST CRC! WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WORSHIP AT FIRST| We welcome **Pastor Gregory Kett** as our Pastor for our morning service today. He is one of the candidates the Search Team has been interviewing. We are glad he could join us today and, if possible, please welcome him after the service. **Pastor Mark Bennink** will lead us in the evening service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS| Today will be the final Sunday School class for the season as we finish our study of the psalms. Young adults and adults are invited to join us.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

9:30 AM Morning Service
11:00 AM Sunday School
5:00 PM Evening Service

10:00 AM Coffee Break
11:00 AM Prayer Meeting

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE BRIDGE

PRAISES

- Food Distribution - thankful for people who were willing to help with the food distribution this week.
- Jed - Wonderful to see one of our former students come back and want to volunteer.
- Jill- It is awesome we have so many students wanting to come to The Bridge each day.
- Scott - It was so nice to receive a personal letter from a student letting him know how much The Bridge means to her
- Hannah - It's so great to see how our kids are reacting to our visually impaired volunteer
- Fred - Impressed by how hard the kids are working on their homework during our Bridge to Excellence program. The mentor's are really making a difference in their lives.
- Ben - excited that my dog is going to have puppies
- Liam - Building his own website and excited to see how it works

REQUESTS

- Leilani - pray for her friend who has Covid
- Liam- Pray for me as I have a difficult test next week
- L- pray for my anxiety.
- Yoli - pray for my friends family - they were in a car accident.
- Jed - pray for one of our volunteer's who has received difficult news regarding his cancer. We continue to pray for a miracle in his life.
- Jill - pray for one of our volunteer's husband. He has been diagnosed with Colon cancer and will start chemo next week
- Josie - pray for Grandpa who is in the hospital
- Laney - pray for my cousin who broke her arm
- Sage - pray that my relationship with my Dad will improve
- A - pray for me to develop a better self esteem. Things are hard right now.
- Jade - pray for my friend - her Grandpa passed away
- Cora - pray for my friend who is being bullied at school

PASTOR MARK BENNINK | Pastor Mark's Office Hours: Pastor Mark plans to be in his office Monday 9 to 5, Tuesday 9 to 5, Wednesday 10 to 5, Thursday and Friday 9 to 5. Pastor Mark's Contact Information- 616.916.4384 or mbennink522@gmail.com

CALLING ELDER | Roger Brower is the Calling Elder for March, his phone number is 616.772.4868.

OFFICE | Lisa will be in the church office Monday and Friday mornings this week and working from home as needed. Please leave a message at the church office if you need anything.

FELLOWSHIP | Join us for COFFEE in the Elevator Room upstairs after the morning service today. Please observe social distancing as you fellowship together.

VIDEO | Our services are livestreamed on YouTube channel First Zeeland CRC.

WORSHIP AT FIRST CRC | We continue to worship at 9:30 AM & 5:00 PM

FROM THE COUNCIL

NOMINATIONS| The council is asking the congregation for persons to be nominated for the office of Elder & Deacon. There is a box in the back of church to put the names in.

CUSTODIAN| Council is seeking applications for the Custodian position. Anyone interested in this position, please contact Bob Klunder at 772-4201.

CALENDAR NOTES

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL| We continue our study of the Psalms. Young people and adults are invited to join us!

COFFEE BREAK| Coffee Break will meet on Thursday beginning at 10:00 AM.

PRAYER MEETING| There will be a Prayer meeting at 11:00 AM on Thursday in the Prayer Room. All are welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE| We will be having a Good Friday service on Friday, April 2, at 7 p.m. The theme of the service is "The Suffering Servant" based on Isaiah 53. This service is a Tenebrae service where candles are extinguished to reflect the growing darkness of Jesus Christ's suffering for our sins. Pastor Mark will have a meditation on Psalm 23. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper. Let's commemorate and celebrate how Jesus our Shepherd gave his life for us, his sheep.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE| We will be having an Easter service on Sunday, April 4, at 9:30 a.m. This will be an Easter Hymn Festival with the theme "The Appearances of the Risen Christ" which includes Scripture readings of Jesus' resurrection appearances and the singing of Easter songs and hymns. Pastor Mark will share a meditation on "Christ's Appearing and Ours" from Colossians 3:4. **There will not be an Easter evening service.**

CARE AND PRAYER

Bill Morrisroe, the son-in-law of **Wayne Wildschut** and the husband of Lisa, had colon cancer surgery this past Friday. If you would like to send them a card or e-mail, here is the Morrisroe's contact information: Bill & Lisa Morrisroe 313 Chestnut Oak Drive Peachtree City, GA 30269 bronte12@charter.net

Laurel Bonnema suffered a stroke this past week and was transferred from Zealand Hospital to Mercy Hospital in Muskegon and was scheduled for surgery this past Friday, March 19. Her right side has been weakened by the stroke but she is able to speak. Please pray for her recovery.

Corneliu Constantineanu, a colleague and friend of our missionary, **Steve Michmerhuizen**, passed away this past week from COVID-19 in Romania. Please pray for comfort for Corneliu's family, for Steve and his family, and their Resonate colleagues.

THANK YOU

Dennis Vanden Heuvel appreciated the birthday greetings. It is a blessing to shut-ins to receive cards from the church family.

Howard and Lavonne Blacquiere and family thank the congregation for the cards and expressions of sympathy in the passing of Gladys. We appreciate the visits and other expressions of care shown to her. Gladys loved 1st Church and it truly is a caring church.

Thank You Cards from **Grace Fellowship**: Please take time to read the thank you Notes from Grace Fellowship. They are in the white bag on the back table in the sanctuary. These notes are kind expressions of gratitude for our hosting their church family these past two years.