

AM Message: Where is the King?
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-6; 27:35-37
Preaching: Pastor Tom Pettinga

NO PM SERVICE

Sermon Notes

Welcome

Welcome to First CRC. We are so glad you're here!

If you have children 3 months through 3 years old, you can safely entrust them to our nursery workers, who will care for them during the service. The nursery is located just below the Sanctuary and can be accessed by going down the stairs near the back entrance.

Restrooms are located just below the Sanctuary and can be accessed by going down the stairs near the back entrance.

After the service, please join us for refreshments which are located in the room just off the Sanctuary.

Offerings

AM— Faith Promise: Financial support to local and international missionaries.

Church Announcements

Baby Gifts | The baby crib will be in the back of church during January for members to put in baby gifts for Chris and Angie Willis' new baby boy.

Special Collections | The special collections for the next 2 weeks are for GEMS International. All GEMS groups are required to take at least 1 collection per calendar year. The deacons will be collecting for the GEMS on Jan 8 and 15. There is a special container in the back of the church. On Jan 22 and 29 the deacons will be collecting for the Cadets International. Any questions, please check with any deacon.

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.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Howard Hoeksema is the Calling Elder for January, his phone number is 616.212.5386.

Church Calendar

There will be **NO** evening service today.

Weds. Night Dinner | Our dinner this week Wednesday, January 4, will be Mostaccioli, Lasagna, green beans, salad, applesauce, rolls and dessert. Hope to see you there! If anyone is willing to make a dessert for one of the meals, please call Phyllis at (616)566-7566.

Gems/Cadets will meet Weds. at 6:30PM following the dinner.

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Joyce Mulder** a very happy 80th birthday on Tues., Jan. 3. May her special day be great!

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Our new Bible Reading Plan starts tomorrow! Be reminded of your only comfort in life each week day in 2023 as we read through the Bible together using the Heidelberg Catechism as a guide. Join your friends and neighbors reading a Bible passage and a short devotional written by pastors you know and trust. Don't miss a single day! Join at UnfadingTruth.org or text the word 'truth' to 833-656-8399.

Thank You

Thanking the congregation for the beautiful Christmas cards I received and also for a wonderful visit from the Gems. **Cora Hyma**

The Bonnema and Dral families would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards and other expressions of sympathy in the recent passing of Dave Bonnema, their father and grandfather.

Thank you to the First Family for your thoughtfulness in remembering me this Christmas. Your notes and cards were a blessing to me! **Carol VanDen-Bosch**

Angie Vanden Heuvel would like to thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards sent to her. She also appreciated the GEMs caroling. What a blessing to be remembered by the family of God!