

AM Message: Everlasting Freedom

**Scripture: Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8,
10:9,10, 5:1, 8:1**

Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

**PM Message: The Desires of this
World**

Scripture: Psalm 49

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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— Ministry Shares: Monies to help with missionaries, training, starting new churches, denominational services, as well as synodical and fundraising expenses.

PM— General Fund: Monies for general church operating expenses.

Special Collection—GEMS International

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 collection for Jan 22 and Jan 29 will be for the Cadets International. Like the GEMS, the Cadets are required to take a collection once per calendar year.

Life Teams | The Zeeland Diaconal Conference encourage churches in the Zeeland Classis to form Life Teams. Brochures are in your mailboxes today explaining some of the organizations. The teams will meet on Thursdays February 16 thru March 30 from 6 pm to 8 pm at our church. Contact information is on the back of the brochure or you may contact any deacon for further information. Please prayerfully consider signing up to support Life.

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 Calendar

Helping Hands will meet Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 9 AM.

Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

Cadets Pancake Supper | Join us Weds. at 5:30 PM. The Cadets will be serving pancakes!

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

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., Jan. 19, from 10-11:15 AM.

Prayer Meeting | Each week members from First Church are invited to come and pray together at 11:00AM on Thursday. All are welcome. Meet at the office.

Thank You

Thank you for all the Christmas cards. I feel blessed because I go to a church that cares. **Sally Smith**

Thank you for the Christmas cards and a special thank you for the Gems coming to sing. It was much appreciated. **Bud Bos**

Community Announcements

UNFADING TRUTH BIBLE READING PLAN | We know that God created everything good, but it's very obvious that things are really messed up. Why is this and what's the solution? Join us each weekday by reading a short passage and then dig deeper with a quick summary and application that you can read or listen to. Sign up for a daily notification at UnfadingTruth.org.

Care and Prayer

We express our sympathies to Roger and Marcia Steigenga and the entire Steigenga family in the passing of their brother/brother-in-law Rev. Ray Steigenga. Rev. Steigenga preached quite often as a guest pastor in our church. Rev. Steigenga passed away Sat., Jan. 7, at the age of 77. His memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 14, at Jamestown Reformed Church. Surround all of Ray's loved ones with prayers of comfort and peace.

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