

**AM Message: Devote Yourselves to
Prayer**

Scripture: Colossians 4: 2-4

Preaching: Pastor John Hutt

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

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

Special Collection—Tent Schools International: Monies to help get kids back in school by creating safe spaces for them to heal, catch up, and find hope for a bright future.

Church Announcements

Sound Volunteers Needed | We are in need of volunteers to help run the sound or power point for Sunday services. Please reach out to Doug Wesseldyke if you're able to help!

First Focus | Please have any materials for the First Focus to Lisa by 9 AM Thursday, March 23. Thank you!

Lilies for Sale-GEMS | The GEMS are selling lilies this year. Order forms are in your mailboxes.

Bingo with GEMS | Any women of the church who are interested in playing Bingo with the GEMS girls are invited to join us on Weds., April 12, from 6:30-8. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those interested. We will have snacks and prizes so join us for a fun night and get to know the GEMS girls better.

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.

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? David Wierda is the Calling Elder for March, his phone number is 616.953.0679.

Church Calendar

Helping Hands will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 9 AM.

Council will meet Tuesday, March 21, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., March 23, 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

I want to thank everyone for the get well cards, phone calls, and prayers that I received after the injury to my shoulder! They meant so much to me. **Aldajean Oshier**

Care and Prayer

Please keep **John Rietsma** and **Ken Louwsma** in your prayers during their recovery.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth Bible Reading Plan | The name 'Jesus' is perhaps the most recognized name in the whole world. But what does it really mean? Read or listen to our church's Bible reading plan every week day. Join at UnfadingTruth.org.

Parkview Clay Shoot Fundraiser | 5th Annual Parkview AFC Home Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraiser at Blendon Pines, Zeeland on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 8:30 am. Sponsor (\$150) and Shooter (\$50 - adult - \$35 - student under 15). Registration forms are on the back table or contact Terry Boerman - terryboerman@yahoo.com or call 616-886-8299.

BCS Spring Banquet | BCS will be hosting the annual Spring Banquet on Thursday, March 23 at Noordeloos CRC. Punch will be served at 6pm, dinner and speaker to follow. Our speaker this year will be Dan Landstra, the Spiritual Life & Leadership director at Unity Christian. Please RSVP to the school office by Wednesday, March 15. All donations will go to the general fund of the school.