

AM Message: To the Finish Line
Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13
Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

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-Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services: Providing hope and healing for families in a safe and caring environment, for those struggling with addiction and behavioral health.

Sermon Notes

Church Announcements

Member of the Week | First Church will be having a Member of the Week listed in the bulletin each week. The person will be a shut-in or someone not able to attend worship regularly. Members of the congregation are encouraged to send a card or note, call them, or visit them. We want them to feel connected to First CRC. Our Member of the Week this week is **Bud Bos**.

Graduate | Jonathan Kollen will be graduating from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee on Sunday, May 21. He will receive a Bachelor's of Accounting, Bachelor's of Finance and a Real Estate certificate. He plans on pursuing his Master's in Accounting at UWM in the fall.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Ed Wolters is the Calling Elder for May, his phone number is 616.644.7643.

Church Calendar

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 cards and prayers. **Howard Hoeksema**

Gord and Cindy VanDyke would like to thank the congregation for the prayers and cards following Gord's father's death. Also, we would like to thank you for your gifts of kindness and cards and prayers after Gord's surgery. Also thank you to Pastor Shawn and others in council for your calls and visits. We appreciate it all. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring church.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Being filled with the Spirit isn't just for super-Christians, it's for ordinary believers like you. Read or Listen along with our church's Bible reading plan every weekday at UnfadingTruth.Org.

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Second Church Music Ministry Concert | The Music Ministry at Second Church is delighted to welcome members of the community to this final event in their monthly concert series. Featured in May are chamber musicians from the Holland Symphony Orchestra, including Sarah Southard (oboe), Gary June (clarinet), Kerrissa Silverthorne (bassoon), Greg Bassett (french horn), and Sarah Bast (piano). They will be presenting piano and wind quintets by Austrian-born composers Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Heinrich von Herzogenberg. **The free concert will begin at 5:00 p.m. today, Sunday, May 21, in the sanctuary of the church, located at 225 E. Central Avenue.** No tickets required. Guests are cordially invited to remain for refreshments and for an opportunity to meet the musicians following the recital.

Openings at Parkview | Parkview has two new openings for two female beds in the home. These are shared bedrooms (one room has two beds, and the other has three beds), and there are quite a few stairs throughout the house. Could you please spread the word among your congregations that we have these openings? We would love to fill them with members of our supporting churches.