

**Message: What do I Gain?**

**Scripture: Matthew 5: 21-26; Genesis 3: 6-10**

**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.

### Sermon Notes

### Offerings

**General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.

**Special Collection—Calvin Theological Seminary:** Monies to provide theological preparation for contemporary ministry around the world since 1876.

## Church Announcements

**Operation Christmas Child** | The GEMS and Cadets are looking for your help again this year with Operation Christmas Child. Our goal is to be more thoughtful and intentional with each box we pack. We have decided that every GEM girl and Cadet boy along with their leaders will each pack two boxes. We have asked the Gems and Cadet families to supply one or both of the WOW gifts. Here's how you can help:

1. Pray for our GEMS and Cadets as they pack these boxes, and for the children and families who will receive them.
2. Donate money for shipping and other supplies.
3. Purchase items from the flyer in the back of church.
4. Take a brochure and pack your own box.

Visit the Operation Christmas Child table or ask a GEM leader for more information. Thank you!

**Pledge Cards** | A friendly reminder to turn in your pledges for Faith Promise.

**Member of the Week** | First Church will be having a Member of the Week. The person may be a shut-in or someone who is not able to attend Church 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 our church family. Our member of the week this week is **Bud Bos**.

## Church Ann. Cont...

**Conquerors Strength Team** | The congregation is invited to join the Cadets, GEMS and their parents for a presentation by The Conquerors Strength Team. The Conquerors are a team of athletes that use demonstrations of strength to **engage** with communities, **encourage** the hopeless and **empower** individuals to Conquer life's challenges. Come join the Cadets and GEMS as they welcome Mike Gruppen and his team. The program will run from 6:30 - 7:45 on Weds., Nov. 1.

**Pastor Appreciation Cake** | On Sunday, October 29, we will be having cake after the morning service to celebrate Pastor Appreciation month. This will be served in the Fellowship Room. Please stay to enjoy a piece of cake and visit with others.

## Church Calendar

**Coffee Break** will meet Thurs., Oct. 26, from 10-11:15 AM.

There will be a **Veteran's Day Memorial** with the Zeeland Community Band held in the Bridge on Nov. 11 from 3-4 PM.

## Care and Prayer

**Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? David Wierda is the Calling Elder for October. His phone number is 616.953.0679.

## Community Announcements

**Unfading Truth** | You're constantly bombarded by lies & misinformation. Learn to both recognize and speak the truth as we read the Bible together this week at UnfadingTruth.org.

**Zeeland Civic Chorus** | Save the date! The Zeeland Civic Chorus will begin rehearsing for Handel's *Messiah* every Sunday at 2:15-3:45 from Oct. 8-Nov. 26 at First PRC of Holland. Final rehearsals will be Nov. 28 and Dec. 4 at 7:00 PM. Performances will be at 7:00 PM on Thurs., Nov. 30 and Tues., Dec. 5. Please join us in singing God's praises together. Invite your friends!

**Life of John Calvin Presentation** | "After Dark: The Life and Times of John Calvin" is a dramatic enactment of the life of John Calvin, a part of the heritage of everyone who loves the Reformed faith. The presenter is Rev. Stan Sturing who first gave this at the International Calvin Congress in Grand Rapids. This presentation will be at Holland Christian High School October 29, 30, and 31 at 4:30 pm with cider and donut holes on "Main Street." Donations appreciated, students are free. Flyers with the information are on the back table.

## Thank You

Thank you for the birthday cards, greetings, and for thinking of me! It's a real blessing to be remembered. **Angie Vanden Heuvel**