

Message: Famous

**Scripture: 2 Cor. 5: 16-19; Matt. 6:12;
14-15; John 13: 34-35**

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

Building Fund: Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

Special Collection—Family Life Center:

Demonstrates Christ's love to young women experiencing unplanned pregnancies by equipping them for the challenges of life by providing a safe, caring, home environment with specific opportunities for social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth.

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!

Mission Emphasis | It's that time of the year! Mission Emphasis! Please prayerfully consider what you are able to pledge to support missions. There will be pledge cards in your mail boxes on Sunday, Oct 15. Any questions, contact Van Dykes or J. Hoeksemas. Please have your pledge put in the collection plate by Oct 29.

Collection correction | Last week, Oct. 1, the collection was stated incorrectly as General Fund in the bulletin rather than Faith Promise.

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.

Church Calendar

The **Worship Team** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday.

The **Properties Team** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday.

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., Oct. 5, 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.

Birthdays

Angie Vanden Heuvel will be celebrating her 98th birthday on Monday October 9, a real blessing from the Lord! May her special day be great!

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Human sexuality is something we don't like to talk about, yet we seem to hear about it all the time. Cut through the world's lies as you are reminded what *God* says about it as we read through His Word together each day 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!

Thank You

To our friends at First CRC. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, visits and goodies you gave us. It is great to be part of such a caring congregation.
Jason & Barb Walters