

Message: For the Sake of Christ
Scripture: Philemon 1-7
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—Reframe Ministry: Shares the gospel in communities worldwide using the radio, internet and other technologies.

Sermon Notes

Church Announcements

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 **Shirley Scholten**.

Thanksgiving Day Service/ Blessings | During the Thanksgiving Day Service, there will be an opportunity for people to share blessings from the past year. A microphone will be passed for those who would like to share.

Thanksgiving Day Offering | Thanksgiving Day Offering/ Envelopes are in mailboxes for our Thanksgiving Day offering. There are extra envelopes on the back table. If paying by check, please make the check out to First CRC.

Harvest Stand | We are collecting donations for Harvest Stand during the month of November. There are extra papers on the back table with suggestion items they can use for their clients. We will be collecting through November 26. Any questions, please check with a deacon.

Church Ann. Cont...

Faith Promise Pledges | Updated total Faith Promise pledges for 2023-24 is \$15,840! We give thanks to God for a generous and giving congregation! Praise be to God!

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Finding comfort as you pray begins with you acknowledging your Father in heaven. Dig deeper into that comfort each day this week as we read the Bible together at UnfadingTruth.org. Read or listen each day on Spotify, iTunes, or Drive.Faith (an ad free, curated list of Reformed Christian podcasts).

Zeeland Civic Chorus | The Zeeland Civic Chorus is preparing to perform Handel's *Messiah* again this Christmas season. Please join us in celebrating the Good News together through beautiful Baroque music sourced directly from Scripture. The first performance is to be held at First CRC of Zeeland, 7:00 pm, on November 30. The second is to be held at Central Avenue CRC of Holland, 7:00 pm, on December 5.

Harlem Reformed Blood Drive | Help Harlem Reformed Church save lives! Join us to give blood on Tuesday, November 28 from 12:00 to 6:00pm at 6854 144th Ave, Holland in our Compass building behind the main church. Sign up online at red-crossblood.org/give. Our sponsor code is HarlemReformed.

Church Calendar

Helping Hands will meet at 9:00 on Tuesday, November 21.

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

Thanksgiving Day Service will be at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 23.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Howard Hoeksema is the Calling Elder for November. His phone number is 616.212.5386. If you cannot reach him by phone, please email him.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards received when I was member of the week. They were very much appreciated! **Bud Bos**