

Message: Faithful Sacrifice
Scripture: Philemon 8-21
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

General Fund: Monies for general church operating 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 **Sally Smith**.

Harvest Stand | Today is the last day we will be collecting food for Harvest Stand. Thanks to all who donated items to support those in need.

Christmas Cards for shut-ins | A list of shut-ins is in the First Focus. The mailboxes will be up until December 17 for the congregation to place cards and they will be delivered the following week.

Congregational Meeting | Following the worship service on Sunday, December 10th, we will have our annual congregational meeting to approve the budget. The proposed budget is in your mailbox.

Fun Christmas Sweater Sunday | Wear your favorite fun Christmas sweater on Sunday, December 17th.

Thank You

GEMS and Cadets, along with their leaders, want to thank the congregation for their support in **Operation Christmas Shoe box**. We packed and shipped 111 boxes. We are following them and will let you know where they get shipped. Pray for each recipient that receives a box gets to know Jesus' love for them.

Care and Prayer

Please remember **Howard and Marianne Hoeksema** in your prayers. Marianne has been dealing with health issues for a couple months. Pray for answers and healing for Marianne and for Howard as he goes thru this health trial with her. She appreciates cards so that is something we can also do to support them.

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.

Church Calendar

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., Nov. 30, 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.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | God establishes His Kingdom as His people are ruled by His Word and Spirit, as He strengthens and adds to His Church, and as He actively destroys all of the devil's works. Learn what you're asking God for when you pray the powerful words "Your kingdom come" as we read the Bible together this week at UnfadingTruth.org.

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.