

Message: **O Come, O Come Immanuel**

Scripture: **Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:20- 23**

Preaching: **Pastor Shawn Gerbers**

Sermon Notes

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

Faith Promise: Financial support to local and international missionaries.

Special Collection– CALVIN UNIVERSITY: Educational institution of the Christian Reformed Church and stands in the Calvinist tradition.

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 **Carol Vanden Bosch**.

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.

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

Thanksgiving offering | Churches are not allowed by law to write a check for donations to Right to Life. Would the person who designated Right to Life for a cash donation, please contact one of the deacons. If no one contacts us, it will be designated for Lakeshore Pregnancy. Thanks.

Thanksgiving Offering | Thanksgiving offering total is \$7,369.00. The deacons thank the congregation for their faithful giving. The breakdown of the causes will be in the First Focus.

Church Calendar

Weds. Night Dinner | Our last dinner of the year will be Wednesday, December 6, at 5:30. Our menu is ham, potatoes, carrots, green bean casserole, applesauce, rolls and pie. Come and enjoy!

Gems and Cadets will meet from 6:15-8 PM on Wednesday evening.

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., Dec. 7, 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.

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.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards. They meant so much to me. please continue to pray for healing. **Sincerely, Bernice De Koster**

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.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for December. His phone number is 616.836.8054. If you cannot reach him by phone, please email him.

On Thurs., December 7, **Carla Beukema**, is scheduled to have an open heart, aortic and mitral valve replacement. Please keep Carla and Bob and their family in your prayers as they face yet another surgery and recovery time.

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Sally Smith** a very happy 91st birthday on Tuesday, December 5. May her special day be great!