

Message: Wisdom From on High
Scripture: Proverbs 8: 1-11; I Cor. 1: 26-32
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

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

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 **Angie Vanden Heuvel**.

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.

Budget Boxes | Budget boxes for 2024 are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Gems/Cadets Shoeboxes | Just got the information on our shoeboxes...they were all shipped on November 24 to Columbia! Continue to pray for each child that receives a box that he may come to know Jesus! Again the GEMS and Cadets are so very thankful for all your support!

Church Calendar

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

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

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., Dec. 14, 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.

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

GEMS/Cadets Dinner | GEMS and Cadets will meet on Dec. 20 but there will be no dinner beforehand.

Christmas Eve Potluck | Following morning worship on December 24th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 11am-1pm. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up sheet on the back table.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Do your prayers often sound more like a fast-food order than a conversation with the sovereign ruler of all things? Jesus pulls us out of our own narcissism by commanding us to pray that God's will be done, on earth - that is in our own daily lives - just as it is in heaven. Read the Bible along with the rest of our congregation each week day 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.

Thank You

The deacons thank the congregation for the items we collected for Harvest Stand. The community will be blessed by our generous donations.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and acts of kindness shown me thru the several weeks I have been sick. All were truly appreciated. And I especially thank God for carrying me thru each day!!! Continue to pray for answers as we wait for expected healing.
Marianne Hoeksema