

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

General Fund: Monies for general church operating expenses.

Special Collection– Wycliffe Bible Translators: Monies to help every one of God's children have access to God's word in a language they can understand.

NO Christmas Day Offering

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 **Robert and David Wittingen**.

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

Collections for 2023 | The last day for the collections to be counted for 2023 is Sunday December 31, 2023. Thank you.

Church Calendar

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

Christmas Day service will be at 9:30 AM on Mon., Dec. 25.

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.

No Coffee Break this week. We will start up again on January 11. If you need a book yet, please see Von Wesseldyke.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | As Jesus commands us to pray in the Lord's Prayer, it doesn't take very many words to ask God for forgiveness. What we're actually praying with the words, on the other hand, is much more eloquently expressed in Psalm 51. We're going to spend the entire week working our way through David's beautiful prayer of confession as we read the Bible together each 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.

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Carol Vanden Bosch** a very happy 87th birthday on Sat., Dec. 30! May her special day be great!