

**Message: Investing in Tomorrow**  
**Scripture: Colossians 1: 3-14**  
**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

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

**Special Collection—GEMS:** Vision to see girls around the world actively expressing love for God and others. Mission to bring girls everywhere into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.

### Sermon Notes

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## Church Announcements

**Year-end Statements** | Year-end contribution statements are in your mailboxes. We have mailed the ones to the shut-ins and those who are gone for the winter.

## Care and Prayer

**Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? David Wierda is the Calling Elder for January. His phone number is 616.953.0679. If you cannot reach him by phone, please email him.

## Thank You

Thanks for the birthday cards and phone calls. It made my day.  
**Joyce Mulder**

## Church Calendar

**Helping Hands** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 9:00 AM.

**Council** will meet Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

**Cadet Pancake Supper** | The Cadet Pancake Supper will be Wednesday, Jan. 17. at 5:30 PM.

**Gems and Cadets** will meet from 6:15-8 on Wednesday evening following the pancake supper.

**Coffee Break** will meet Thurs., Jan. 18, 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** | You can know God because He's told us about Himself. Everything in creation points to Him, and He makes Himself abundantly clear in His Word. That's why we read it every day! Join us each weekday at [UnfadingTruth.org](http://UnfadingTruth.org).

**Second Reformed Church Organ Recital** | You are invited to join us **Sunday, January 21 at 5:00 pm for an organ recital**, featuring David Heinze, a Grand Rapids native and alumnus of Interlochen Arts Academy, Hope College, and the University of Cambridge. Heinze currently serves as Associate Director of Music & Organist at Grace Episcopal Church in downtown Providence, Rhode Island. Convenient parking is available in the lot at the corner of Church Street and Cherry Avenue, with accessibility into and throughout the church from that entrance.