

Message: Creator and Redeemer

Scripture: Colossians 1: 15-20

Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

<u>Sermon Notes</u>

# 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

Ministry Shares: Monies to help with missionaries, training, starting new churches, denominational services, as well as synodical and fundraising expenses.

Special Collection—CADETS: Youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide churches with ministry program that will enable them to share Christ's love with boys in their church and community.

#### Church Announcements

Special Offerings | Today we will have 2 special offerings. We will be doing GEMS International and Cadets International. Since we did not have in person worship last Sunday, we are doing GEMS this week along with Cadets.

Bad weather policy: If there is a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, tornado watch or warning one (1) hour before a scheduled event that event will be cancelled. If the schools have cancelled, all activities at church will be cancelled. In all other cases, check WOODTV 8, woodtv.com, jq99.com, or the church's facebook page for information.

Sanctity of Life Sunday | Today is the 40th annual Sanctity of Life Sunday.

#### Church Calendar

Coffee Break will meet Thurs., Jan. 25, 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.

### Church Calendar

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.

Keep Lindsay VanDenBosch in your prayers for testing that he will have done at the hospital on Mon., Jan. 22. Pray that the tests will go well and the doctor will give him a good report.

# Birthdays

We would like to wish **Lorraine Becksfort** a very happy 83rd
birthday on Monday, January
22! May her special day be
great!

We would like to wish Warren Wierda a very happy 85th birthday on Thursday, January 25! May his special day be blessed!

## **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 Unfading Truth.org.

**Second Reformed Church Organ** Recital | You are invited to join us today 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.