

**Message: Beauty in Brokenness**  
**Scripture: Colossians 1: 1-2; 4: 7-18**  
**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

**Faith Promise:** Financial support to local and international missionaries.

**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

**New Library Books** | The church library now has these romance novels: *The Inn at Angel Island* by Thomas Kincaide and Katherine Spencer  
*Every Little Thing About You* by Lori Wick  
*Whatever Tomorrow Brings* by Lori Wick  
*The Long Way Home* by Loraine Snelling  
*The Measure of a Heart* by Janette Oke  
These books have also been recently added: *Your Story Is Our Story: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of World Renew* by Lou Haveman  
*Making Love Last Forever* by Gary Smalley. This book is about staying in love through all stages of life.  
*101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns* by Kenneth W. Osbeck

## Church Calendar

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

The **Properties Team** will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday.

**Coffee Break** will meet Thurs., Jan. 11, 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.

## 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.

## Community Announcements

**Unfading Truth** | This week as we read the Bible together, we'll see that theology (knowing who/what God is) is not just a trivial pursuit, but gives us a firm foundation of comfort and confidence. Read or listen each weekday at [UnfadingTruth.org](http://UnfadingTruth.org).

## Thank You

Thank you all for the beautiful Christmas cards and the kind words of encouragement. They were all sincerely appreciated.  
**Marianne Hoeksema**

Thank you to everyone for sharing God's love and blessing me with cards, visits, and goodies when I was member of the week, for Christmas, and for my birthday. **Carol VanDenBosch**

Thanks for the beautiful cards. The verses inside touched my heart. Blessings to all! **Sally Smith**

Thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards and to the GEMS for coming to sing. **June VandenHeuvel**

Thank you for all the Christmas cards Bud received. They were very much appreciated. **Bud and Jan Bos**