

# Message: Focused on Eternity Scripture: Colossians 3: 1-4; Matthew 6: 19-24 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

**General Fund:** Monies for general church operating expenses.

**Special Collection-Parkview:** Monies to support Parkview Adult Foster Care Home in Zeeland.

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#### **Church Announcements**

**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.

**College Student Baskets** | LET'S SEND OUR COLLEGE MEN A BOX OF LOVE FROM FIRST! We only have 3 young men in college right now... let them know we think of them often and miss them back home! There will be a basket in the back of the church for you to put your notes, gift card, candy etc. We hope to send the box to them the week of March 10.

JONATHON KOLLEN is in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

NATHAN KOLLEN is at Wayne State University in Detroit.

**JACOB TAYLOR** is at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio.

**Breakfast at Farmhouse** | Join us for breakfast on Wednesday morning, March 20, at 9:00 at the Farmhouse in Zeeland. There is a sign up sheet in the back. Sign up by Sunday, March 17. We would love to have you join us!

### **Church Calendar**

**Coffee Break** will meet Thurs., Feb. 29, 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? Howard Hoeksema is the Calling Elder for February. His phone number is 616.212.5386. If you cannot reach him by phone, please email him.

#### **Community Announcements**

Three Forms Podcast | Are you a podcast listener? Would you enjoy a weekly show to help you grow in your understanding of **Reformed Theology and God's** Word? The Three Forms Podcast, recently launched by two of our sister churches (Beaverdam and Coopersville CRC), is a 30 minute weekly show, exploring our Reformed Confessions (often referred to as the Three Forms of Unity) in a conversational format. The Three Forms Podcast can be found on Apple, Spotify, Pandora, YouTube, and many other podcasting platforms.

#### Community Ann. Cont...

Unfading Truth | You might be interested to know the Bible has an appendix! When you use it carefully, the *Apocrypha*, a collection of ancient writings similar to, but not quite like, the Bible can help you better understand God's Word. Learn more about it along with the rest of us as we read the Bible each weekday. Be sure to sign up for a daily reminder at UnfadingTruth.com.

First Reformed Church hosts author Lynn Austin | We would like to extend an invitation to members and friends of your congregation on behalf of our JOY **Group of First Reformed Church** of Zeeland on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 2:00 pm. We will meet in the sanctuary of the church. The sanctuary entrance and the parking lot are located at 125 E. Lincoln Avenue, Zeeland, MI 49464. Our guest speaker will be author, Lynn Austin, from Holland, Michigan. The JOY Group holds monthly events for First's older adults; however, all are welcome to attend. Please **RSVP to Connie at 616-990-5277** by February 29, 2024 with the number of people from your congregation you expect to attend so that we can plan for seating and refreshments.

BCS Soup Supper | Borculo Christian School is having its annual spring soup supper on Friday, March 15, from 4:30 to 7 pm. There will be several soups, sandwiches, and desserts available.