

**Message: Dead to the World, Alive in Christ**

**Scripture: Colossians 3: 5-17**

**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.

### Sermon Notes

### Offerings

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

**Solid Rock:** Aid to people who are facing financial difficulties or who are experiencing physical limitations by providing necessary, standard of living repairs to keep their homes safe, healthy, and secure.

## 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

**Wednesday Night Dinner |** March 6, 5:30, is our next dinner. Our menu is hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, chips and dessert. Hope to see you there!

**GEMS and Cadets** will meet from 6:15-8 PM on Wednesday evening.

**Coffee Break** will meet Thurs., March 7, 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? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for March. His phone number is 616.836.8054.

## Community Announcements

**Unfading Truth |** The Father is not the Son and that the Son is not the Father, and that likewise the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son. Nevertheless, these persons, thus distinct, are neither divided nor fused or mixed together. Confused? Then read the Bible with us each week-day as we work on making sense of the mystery of the Trinity. Join us at [UnfadingTruth.com](http://UnfadingTruth.com)!

**CRC denominational survey |** Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2024 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [crcna.org/survey/9657](http://crcna.org/survey/9657) to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.

**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.