

**Message: Pray in Christ, Walk in Christ**

**Scripture: Colossians 4: 2-6**

**Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers**

Sermon Notes

## *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.

**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.

**Breakfast at Farmhouse** | Don't forget breakfast at the Farmhouse Restaurant, 430 W Washington, this Wednesday morning at 9 am. We have a great sign up so hope to see you all there!

**Office Closed** | The office will be closed the week of March 30-April 6. Pastor Shawn and Lisa will both be out of the office.

## Church Calendar

**Helping Hands** will meet Tuesday, March 19, at 9:00 AM.

**Council** will meet Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

**Cadets Pancake Supper** | The Cadets will be having their pancake supper this Weds. at 5:30 PM.

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

**Coffee Break** will meet Thurs., March 21, 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** | Jesus of Nazareth is not only the most famous man who ever lived, but He's also God Himself. As we prepare for Resurrection Day, spend each weekday reading or listening about Jesus, who was fully man and fully God. Join us at 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](https://www.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.