

**Message: Living by Faith**

**Scripture: Habakkuk 2: 1-20**

**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

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

**Special Collection—Chinese Language Congregation:** Monies to support the Chinese Language Congregation led by 2 Calvin Seminary graduates and supported by Resonate.

### Sermon Notes

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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.

We welcome **Kim Mast** to First CRC today as our accompanist.

**New Library Books/DVDS** | The church library currently has the following new books and DVD's: *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* by Dr. Timothy Keller

*Dark Clouds Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament* by Mark Vroegop

*A Sacred Sorrow: Reaching out to God in the Lost Language of Lament* by Michael Card

*Rejoicing in Lament: Wrestling with Incurable Cancer and Life in Christ* by J. Todd Billings  
*Flipper DVD's Seasons Two and Three* (The church library also has season one.)

*All My Secrets* by Lynn Austin  
*If I Were You* by Lynn Austin  
*Chasing Shadows* by Lynn Austin

## Birthday

We would like to wish **Sherill Riemersma** a very happy 89th birthday on Monday, April 29! May her special day be great!

## Church Calendar

**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.

**Congregational Meeting** | May 5th, following worship.

## Care and Prayer

**Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? David Wierda is the Calling Elder for April. His phone number is 616.953.0679.

## Community Announcements

You are invited to join us **Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 pm for the final Second Recital Series event of the season**, featuring the West Michigan Flute Orchestra along with The Great Lakes Flutes Chamber Ensemble. This memorial concert, titled *Enduring Impact*, will celebrate the life of Darlene Dugan with a premier of a newly commissioned piece by Catherine McMichael for Darlene from her students and friends. More information available here: <https://www.westmichiganfluteassociation.com/calendar-edit/enduringimpact>. Convenient parking is available in the lot at the corner of Church St. and Cherry Ave., with accessibility into and throughout the church from that entrance.

## Community Ann. Cont...

**Unfading Truth** | Bad news: You're unable to come to Christ because you're *dead* in your sins. The good news is that your Father, through the Holy Spirit, draws you to salvation in Christ. Read about how God has overcome your sin induced total depravity each day this week at [UnfadingTruth.com](http://UnfadingTruth.com).

**National Day of Prayer Event** | Thurs., May 2, 2023 at Zeeland City Hall 12 S Elm, 12-12:30 PM. Theme: **Lift Up the Word-Light-Light Up the World**, 2 Samuel 22: 29-31

**Parkview Openings** | Parkview has some openings for new residents. We have space for 2 women in our home. All of our resident bedrooms are on the second floor, so any new resident must be comfortable with using stairs. If anyone knows of a lady or 2 who might enjoy living at Parkview, please email [admin@parkviewafchome.org](mailto:admin@parkviewafchome.org) for an application. Jennifer Letcher

**Pre-Synod Prayer Gathering** | To all CRC members, leaders, and pastors - come pray! The first ever **Pre-Synod Prayer Gathering** will be held at Calvin University, on June 11 (PM), June 12 (all day) and June 13 (AM). **Theme: God With Us.** We will come together to seek God's face and bathe the campus and all involved in prayer. Register for all or part of the event at [this link](#) or go to [crcna.org/synod/prayer](http://crcna.org/synod/prayer) and click on the Pre-Synod Prayer Gathering.