

Message: The Why of Worship
Scripture: Exodus 15: 1-21
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 back of the Sanctuary.

Offerings

Building Fund: Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

Doors of Hope: Serving the community by helping hurting people, equipping the saints and uniting the community in the name of Jesus.

Sermon Notes

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.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Howard Hoeksema is the Calling Elder for May. His phone number is 616.212.5386.

Thank You

Thank you for the super nice cards and food to help me study and to share with my roommates! I appreciate the thoughts and prayers through the hard work and I look forward to being back this summer to see everyone!
Jacob Taylor

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Vieve Mulder** a very happy 91st birthday today, May 12! May her special day be great!

Church Calendar

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

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

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.

We will celebrate **Graduation Sunday** on Sunday, May 19.

Community Announcements

The Dock Hiring | The Dock is hiring a gardening program manager. This person will teach students, manage our greenhouse, and share their faith in our new and growing gardening program. It will start as a 5-10 hour per week position and "grow" over time. If you are interested contact Craig at 616-531-4955 or thedockdirector@gmail.com.

Bedding for the Dock | Sleep in Heavenly Peace is running short on bedding, especially, comforters, beds-in-a-bag, and mattress protectors. Can you help us provide them for kids? You can drop them by The Dock (4669 Division Ave. South) during business hours or contact Craig at 616-531-4955 to drop them off.

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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.

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 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 crcna.org/synod/prayer and click on the Pre-Synod Prayer Gathering.