

Preaching: Pastor John Hutt

Sermon Notes

Welcome

*Songs: *Another Year is Dawning*

It Is Well With My Soul

Please be seated

Song: *Count Your Many Blessings*

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: *Jesus Your Name*

We Have Come to Join in Worship

Offering

Scripture: **Philippians 3**

Message: **A New Beginning**

*Songs : *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

Now Thank We All Our God

Offerings

Faith Promise: Financial support to local and international missionaries.

Church Announcements

Pastor John Hutt will be preaching for us this morning. He has been a pastor for over fifty years. He's still working part-time as a pastor of visitation at Providence CRC.

Operation Christmas Shoeboxes | The Operation Christmas Shoeboxes are enroute to Malawi in Southeastern Africa, Thailand in Southeast Asia and the Philipians. Please continue to pray for each child that receives a shoe box. Continue to ask God to soften his or her heart to be eager to learn more about Jesus; pray also for their families and the villages that they live in.

Next Steps Team Update | On Thursday, Dec. 26, we received an update from Keith and Larry Doornbos regarding the proposal that included Evergreen Commons, the Bridge, and the church plant. "The board of Evergreen Commons met and decided not to receive the sanctuary building as a gift and will not be serving the Zeeland Community from that facility." This news disrupts the plan submitted by the Next Steps Team. Council will be meeting soon to discuss our options.

Breakfast at Community | Breakfast Weds., Jan. 8, 9:00 AM at Community in Zeeland. Sign up sheet is in the back of church.

Church Calendar

GEMS/Cadets will be meeting Weds. at 6:15 PM.

Coffee Break will meet on January 9 at 10:00 AM. We will study lesson 11 of the book of John. We will be finishing up the book of John with lesson 12 on January 16. We will start the new book *Soul Poison* on January 23.

Thank You

First Church family, thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in remembering me at Christmas and also on my birthday with so many cards and warm wishes. I was also delighted that the GEMS came and sang Christmas carols. Thank you for your expressions of love and care. **Carol Van Den Bosch**

Care and Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | The all new 2025 Unfading Truth season begins on December 30. Grow your faith each weekday as you realize that God's grace is stronger than you are. This year we'll be using the Canons of Dordt as our roadmap to read the Bible each day. Don't miss out! Text 'join' to 833-273-2136 (if you've already subscribed, you don't need to join again). Learn more at UnfadingTruth.com.

Parkview | Please consider Parkview AFC Home in your year-end giving. We have experienced a deficit this past year due to increased costs and reduced contributions. For additional information, please contact your church representative Lavonne Blacquiere or contact Jennifer Letcher, Parkview Administrator (admin@parkviewafchome.org).

Parkview Fundraiser | Parkview Adult Foster Care will be partnering with Russ' for a fundraiser! From January 20 through January 25, Russ' will be donating 20% of sales to our home for every voucher. Please consider enjoying a delicious meal at Russ' during this week, and help support our residents!