

Preaching: Pastor Dan Walcott

Sermon Notes

Welcome

*Songs: *When Morning Gilds the Sky*

Across the Lands

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Be Still for the Presence

Offering

Scripture: Revelation 2: 1-7

Message: **What Jesus Thinks of His Church, Part One: Ephesus**

*Song : *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

*Song: *Christian Hearts in Love United*

Offerings

Ministry Shares: Monies to help with missionaries, training, starting new churches, denominational services, as well as synodical and fundraising expenses

Church Announcements

GEMS Serve Project | GEMS girls and leaders are planning a serve project during the Thanksgiving season. We will be collecting items for Parkview in Zeeland. There will be a grocery cart in the back of church for you to drop off your items. ALSO, there is a sign up sheet in the back of church if you would like us to pick up your donations on Weds., Nov. 19, between 6:15 and 7:30 PM. We hope to deliver the donations to Parkview that night.

Thanksgiving Offering | The council decided to split our Thanksgiving offering between World Renew and Parkview here in Zeeland. Both are well known organizations and would be blessed with our gifts. Checks should be made out to First CRC. If there are any questions, please ask a deacon.

Thanksgiving | On Thanksgiving, there will be an opportunity in the service where Pastor Broekhuizen will ask if anyone wants to come up (or mic brought to you) to share God's faithfulness in your life in 2025 or thanksgiving examples through this year (or even "past" reason for praise that you've experienced over the years at 1st CRC. We have so much to be thankful for!

Advent Readers | With advent and Christmas season approaching soon, 5 readers are needed for the Advent Wreath. Also needed are readers of Bible passages for a "lessons and carols" service on Christmas Day (7-9 readers). Please consider helping out with this. Von has a sign up sheet on the table in the back of church and will be contacting people in the weeks to come. This can't happen without volunteers!

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for November. His phone number is 616.836.8054.

Prayers for Council and First | Please continue to pray for Council and 1st Church as we seek God's direction for our future. May His plans be made clear to us. "But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Matthew 6:33-34a

Hero had a defibrillator inserted this week and was scheduled to be discharged from the hospital by the weekend. We continue to pray for healing.

Church Calendar

Council will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 PM.

GEMS will meet at 6:30 PM on Weds., Nov. 19.

Coffee Break will meet on Thurs., Nov. 20, at 10 AM.

DECEMBER BREAKFAST |

December 2, Tuesday at 9:00!
Farm House in Zeeland...pink slip sign up sheet in back!

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | God preserves His imperishable seed within you... even when you fall into sin. Learn to live in this secure comfort as we read the Bible together each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com. Stay on track - sign up for a daily reminder or text JOIN to 833-273-2136.

Zeeland Civic Chorus | Save the date! The Zeeland Civic Chorus will be performing Handel's Messiah on Thursday, December 4, at Trinity PRC of Hudsonville (note venue), and Tuesday, December 9, at Central Avenue CRC of Holland. Performances will begin at 7 PM. Join us as we praise our Messiah with lyrics directly from God's Word.

Thank You

Angeline Vanden Heuvel passed away November 5. Her family is grateful for the love and support given by the people of First CRC. Thank you for all the visits, cards, prayers, phone calls and flowers she received over the years. Reaching 100 years was a milestone, but she is now with Jesus and all those who passed on before her. Thanks so much,
Nancy Einfeld, daughter

Thank you for the cards and prayers when I was down with a pelvis fracture. **Gord Van Dyke**

Thank you for the calls and cards I received for my birthday. Thank you very much! **Shirley Klingenberg**