

Preaching: Pastor Dan Walcott

Sermon Notes*Welcome*

Call to Worship

*\*Songs: O God Our Help in Ages Past**Another Year is Dawning*

Congregational Prayer

*\*Songs: Great is Thy Faithfulness**Thy Word*

Offering

Scripture: Revelation 3: 7-13

**Message: What Jesus Thinks of the  
Church: Philadelphia***\*Song : I Love to Tell the Story**\*Song: Go My Children With My Blessing*

## Offerings

**Faith Promise:** Financial support to  
local and international missionaries.

## Church Announcements

**Items from Church** | Any church members that are interested in items from our church, are asked to put their request in writing. You may place it in the collection plate or give to a Council member. These will be reviewed by Council and, if needed, forwarded on to the Properties Team.

**Distribution of Church Funds** | Church members can submit organizations or places they would like to be included in the disbursement of our funds. Please put the request in writing and give to a Council member. These will be reviewed by Council.

**Voting** | Information from our Articles of Incorporation as it relates to voting. You will be able to vote if you are a professing member in good standing and have attended church during the last 2 years. Absentee ballots will not be made available due to information that will be shared at the time of the vote.

**Cookie Sign-Up** | Just a reminder, cookie sign-up sheets are in the back of church. If you don't bake, you can always buy cookies! We appreciate any help with this!

**Bad Weather Policy:** | If there is a winter storm warning, tornado watch or warning, or any severe weather warning one hour before a scheduled event, the event will be canceled. If schools are canceled due to weather, all church activities will be canceled. The closing will be on Wood TV also.

## Care and Prayer

**Calling Elder | Calling Elder** | In need of prayer or a visit? Wes VanderLugt is the Calling Elder for January. 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. "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Ephesians 3:16-17a.

**John Rietsma** remains at Freedom Inn for therapy following surgery for a broken hip. He continues to be very tired and sleeping a lot. Pray for renewed strength and healing.

## Church Calendar

**DATE CHANGE FOR JANUARY BREAKFAST!** We will be going a week later, January 14. Still working on location, will update as soon as we know...for now pencil in Jan. 14! Sign up sheet in back...

**GEMS and Cadets** will meet Weds., Jan. 7, from 6:30-8 PM.

**Coffee Break** will meet Thurs., Jan. 8, at 10 AM.

## Community Announcements

**Unfading Truth** | Read through the Bible in 2026 at a pace you can absorb! Join our congregation as we read and dig into a short passage of scripture each weekday, starting in Genesis and working through the year all the way to Revelation. The 2026 season starts Monday! Sign up for a daily text reminder at UnfadingTruth.com.

## Thank You

Thank you to the congregation for the beautiful Christmas cards. A special thanks to the GEMS who came caroling and delivered over 20 cards. What a caring church! Thank you. **Barb Walters**

Thank you to the GEMS and their leaders for caroling and to the congregation for sending the Christmas cards. **Hero and Glennys Broekhuizen**