

Preaching: Pastor Tom Pettinga

Sermon Notes*Welcome*

Call to Worship

*Songs: *To God Be the Glory**My Jesus I Love Thee*

Congregational Prayer

*Songs: *When Peace Like a River**Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Offering

Scripture: John 5: 1-18

Message: **Do You Want to Get Well?***Song : *Whiter than Snow**Song: *I Surrender All*

Offerings

General Fund: Monies for general church operating expenses.

Church Announcements

First Focus | Please have materials for April First Focus submitted to Lisa by Weds., March 25.

Grace OPC Update | Our attorney has reviewed the proposal and we have now met with Grace and The Bridge. We will continue to meet with them until we have the details worked out and the proposal is agreeable to all parties.

Good Friday and Easter | Council has made the decision to not hold Good Friday or Easter services in our church this year. This will be an opportunity for members to visit another church, possibly one they are interested in attending once we close.

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. We would like written requests for church items turned in by March 31.

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.

Church Announcements Cont...

Collection Envelopes | Please remember to put your box # on the envelope and also write the cause on (General Fund, Faith Promise, etc.) so the Deacons direct the funds correctly. Thank you from the Deacons.

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.

Young Life Donations | The council has been "house cleaning" different rooms in the church. There will be items in the elevator room from time to time. If interested, we ask for a donation to 1st CRC. The money collected will be sent to Young Life Expeditions/Jan Mulder. Please mark on an envelope "church items" and put in the collection plate or give to a council member. Any questions or concerns, ask a council member.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? Randy Hop is the Calling Elder for March. His phone number is 616.610.1859.

There is a caringbridge page for Wes, the family updates every couple days. The "address" is www.caringbridge.org, then type in Wesley Vanderlugt.

Community Announcements

Unfading Truth | Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land, leading the way for his namesake - *Yehô·šûa* - or as you're more familiar with it: Jesus, who leads all of God's People to the new heavens and earth. Read about his adventures and faithfulness with us each weekday at UnfadingTruth.com

Thrive Faith Formation Tip | This is the final week of Lent. Next week is Holy Week, during which Christians will mark the end of Jesus' journey to the cross. Those final hours of Jesus' life were extremely lonely, as Jesus was abandoned by family, friends, and even his heavenly Father. As Jesus' disciples today, we share in this suffering—but we are never alone. Colossians 3 describes the diverse community of believers, exhorting us to "bear with each other" as we support one another in faith. This week read and reflect on Colossians 3:11-14, and make time to connect with and encourage members of your church community. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive |

Birthdays

We would like to wish **Norma Wierda** a very happy 84th birthday on Saturday, March 28. May her special day be great!