

November 5, 2017

Service of Remembrance

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper -- a gift of grace which God provides for his church. We are to discern that this bread and cup are signs and seals of God's love for us and that we who participate are members of Christ's body. All who have been baptized into Christ, and who desire to honor him with grateful and obedient living, are invited to participate in this sacrament. We serve non-alcoholic grape juice, and gluten-free wafers are available in the center of the bread plate.

Gathering

*Gathering Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons"

*Welcome and Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Passing the Peace

*Songs of Praise: "Holy, Holy, Holy" PH 249: 1,2,4

"O Love of God, How Strong and True" PH 463:1,6,7

Trusting in God

Prayer:

Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with people from every nation and generation. Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Expressing our Hope

*Our World Belongs to God,
Contemporary Testimony*

Our hope for a new earth is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God's rule and every resistance to his will shall be crushed.

Then his kingdom shall come fully, and our Lord shall rule forever.

We long for that day when Jesus will return as triumphant king, when the dead will be raised and all people will stand before his judgment.

We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior.

Our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present his people to the Father. Then God will be shown to be true, holy, and gracious. All who have been on the Lord's side will be honored, the fruit of even small acts of obedience will be displayed;

With the whole creation we wait for the return of Jesus Christ. For then we will see the Lord face to face.

He will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight. Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish who made us a kingdom and priests.

God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.

Song of Assurance: "You are Mine"

Names of Members of Second CRC who have died in the past year

Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you, and as a congregation we are mindful of family and church members whose lives touched ours in many different ways and continue to affect us today.

Thank you God. They remain in our hearts.

We thank you for entering into our loneliness brought about by separation.

We thank you for your presence and comforting promises.

Thank you for being our refuge and strength.

Thank you for your love and compassion.

Thank you for offering us hope and healing in the face of brokenness.

We long for the day when all will be made new. Grant us patience as we wait. Enable us to trust you each new day. Amen

*Song of Gratitude: "For All the Saints" PH 505: 1,2,4,7

*Apostles' Creed

Thanking God For His Grace

Congregational Prayer

Offerings for General Fund and Special Envelope Offering for World Renew

Offertory

Children's Blessing

Receiving God's Word

*Song of Preparation: "There Is a Redeemer"

Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 11:32-12:3

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Message: "Saints Beside Us"

The Lord's Supper

Prayer: (from the *Book of Common Prayer*)

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

We Share the Same Loaf

Departing as Witnesses

*Song of Response: "For All the Saints Who Showed Your Love"

*Blessing from God

*Parting Hymn: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Postlude

*Stand, if able

Accompanist: Louise Slager

SECOND CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP TODAY: Our worship theme draws our attention to the extent of the church, including those who have already joined "a great cloud of witnesses" as we mention those from Second Church who have died in the past year. Pastor Doug's message, "Saints Beside Us" is based on Hebrews 11:32-12:3. The service includes the Lord's Supper (distributed) and Louise Slager as our pianist. Our offerings are for our General Fund and for the CRC's World Renew.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, November 12: DJ Slattery will begin his music leadership ministry with us and Pastor Doug will preach from Mark 4:35-41, "Chaos or Control?" Our offerings will be for our General Fund and for the Lakeside CRC in Ludington.

SPECIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING: Nov. 19 – Crossroads Prison Ministries, November 26 – Fremont Service Committee

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY for everyone, this Wednesday at 2 pm in the Fireside Room. We will be studying Judges 6. Lesson guides are available on the literature ledge.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM will meet on Wednesday evening, November 8 at 7:00 PM.

A HOLIDAY CHOIR for Thanksgiving Day, led by Louise Slager, will begin rehearsals next Sunday morning November 12, following the worship service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW AND DONNA DELONGE on the birth of Silas Andrew on Friday, October 27!

WELCOME SHOWER: Starting today, a crib is set up in the lobby of the church to welcome Ellen Donkersloot, daughter of Nick and Liz Donkersloot to the Second Church family and to 'shower' her with gifts. The crib will be set up until November 20.

STOCK THE PANTRY! During October our congregation donated over 300 cans of fruits and vegetables for the TrueNorth food pantry. During November we are collecting spaghetti sauce, pasta, and rice.

CHRISTMAS SEND-A-CARD PROGRAM: Next Sunday, **November 12**, is the last day to bring your Christmas cards for the prisoner students of Crossroads Prison Ministries. Any number of Christmas cards can be deposited in the box by the literature ledge. Please refer to the instructions placed in your mailboxes and found on the literature ledge for further information. Questions? Contact Karen Admiraal (335-2285).

FYSH ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE: Please check your church mail box (or the literature ledge) for the FYSH Poinsettia Sale order forms! The poinsettia(s) which you order can be used either as decoration in the church or may be taken home on November 29. The money and orders forms must be in by November 21 for guaranteed pick up on November 29, but late orders will be accepted. Proceeds from the sale of poinsettias will go towards helping students be a part of a mission trip experience. Any questions? Contact Zach at (641) 204-2049, or at 2ndyouthdirector@gmail.com

THE ALL-CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held Sunday, November 19, at 11:30, in the basement of the church. Turkey, rolls, gravy, dinnerware, and beverages will be provided. All are invited and we encourage you to sign-up at the table in the lobby to bring additional foods for the feast.

APPALACHIA REACH OUT SHOEBOX DRIVE: Second CRC will be collecting supplies for ARO from November 12 - December 3. There will be boxes available at church on November 12 which will include a tag for either a boy or girl and a list of items that can be put into the box and returned to church no later than December 3. These items will be specific to children ages 6 & 7 and will include such things as: hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.), a toy, pencils or crayons, one size fits all gloves, and anything else appropriate but no clothing. Our goal is to supply 50 shoe boxes to ARO.

MISSION MOMENTS: We are excited to have Dan Dorn from Mission India returning on November 12. We invite you to visit with Dan after the morning service in the Fireside Room. He will be bringing with him 15 sets of virtual reality glasses which contain a 13 minute video of an up close and personal look at the work that is being done in India.

CLOTHING DRIVE for Contigo, Quito, Ecuador. Second CRC is collecting new underwear and socks to be brought to Ecuador in December in support of Contigo. The sizes needed are for children age 3 to 17 who are in the orphanages. There are collection boxes in the lobby of the church.

FYSH

- Sunday, Nov 5, 7:13 PM - FYSH Bible Study
- Sunday, Nov 12, 7:13 PM – FYSH Community
- Sunday, Nov 19, 7:13 PM FYSH Bible Study

Fremont Young Life

- ❖ Monday, Nov 6, 7:56 PM – Campaigners at Zach's house
- ❖ Wednesday, Nov, 15, 7:56 PM – Club at Fremont Rec Center
- ❖ Monday, Nov 20, 7:56 PM – Campaigners at Zach's house
- ❖ Wednesday, Nov 29, 7:56 PM – Club at Fremont Rec Center

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

➤ Please pray for **Steve and Joy Van Sloten** in Turkey

SECOND CHURCH CALENDAR

Today

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
10:00-10:45 Children's Worship for ages 3-young 5
10:00-10:45 KidsOwn Jr for grades K-1, KidsOwn for grades 2-4
10:45-11:30 Children's Choir meets in choir room
10:45-11:30 Sunday School, grades 5-12
11:30-11:40 Middle School Choir meets in choir room

Monday

7:56 PM YL Campaigners at Zach and Lizzie's house

Tuesday

9:30 AM Coffee Break meets in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

2:00 PM Mid-week Bible Study in the Fireside room
6:30 PM GEMS
7:00 Administrative Team meeting

Thursday

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study in the Fireside room.

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- November 1st's Matters
- TODAY Devotional for November/December
The special envelope offering last week for Western Michigan Christian High School was \$40.

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Ushers (Call Bob Hayward if you cannot find your own substitute)

Today: Gordon Polanski, Mike DeWeerd, John Mellema, Roger Folkema
Next Week: Brad Gilliland, Gordon Polanski, Joe Jiran, Matt Mellema

Nursery Attendants

(Call Zach Van Wyk if you cannot find your own substitute)

Today: Infant: Chelsea Breuker, Kate Volz
Toddler: Donna DeLonge, Maddie DeWeerd
Next Week: Infant: Mary V Folkema, Valerie Volz
Toddler: Annelise Folkema, Carly Smith

Greeters

Today: Bruce and Donna Essebaggers
Next Week: Ron and Bonnie Emmorey

Medical Care Visitors Service begins at 2 PM

Today: Speaker Rev. Bob Broekema, families of Chris and Mary Boven, Dave and Mariel Poel, Gordon and Ann Polanski and Karen Admiraal, pianist
Next Week: Reeman

Drivers for Deerfield Residents

Today: Al Baker
Next Week: Brad Gilliland

Sound and Video Operators

Today: Phil Deur, Bob Barnhart
Next Week: Jason DeKuiper, Tyler Cook

Children's Worship

Today: Karen Admiraal, helper Sydney Wagenmaker
Next Week: Sandy Smith, helper Tyler Yonker

Kids Own, Jr.

Today: Mary Folkema
Next Week: Julie Karnemaat

Kids Own

Today: Lizzie Van Wyk
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Cookies (6 dozen each to be at church by 9:15 am)

Today: Paula Meeuwenberg, Mary Boven
Next Week: Rebekah Mellema, Jane VanOstenberg