

SECOND'S MATTERS

October 28, 2020



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

From Your Pastor's Desk

This weekend we return to Standard Time and we will see our diminishing daylight shift to earlier in the day. Regardless of the time of the year, here on the western edge of our time zone our daylight always begins an hour later than it does for those on the eastern side of the time zone. The realities of life, whatever they are, will be experienced differently depending where we live, and I am not speaking just geographically. Our lives are filled with seeing and experiencing our world from where we live. In the coming weeks we can expect to experience events, reports, and results differently. However, this remains: The steadfast reality of the Lamb on the throne and he alone is worthy of all our praise.

From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk

Last weekend I took a trip to GR to visit a couple that Lizzie and I have been friends with since we were all in college together. Prepandemic we would see them every couple of weeks, recently it's been more like every couple of months. As we drove the familiar series of back roads, because they are always faster (right?), we ended up at a roadblock. One of my biggest pet peeves is road construction; nothing makes me more upset. We ended up taking a detour that added a whole 2 minutes to our drive.

I was SO mad that I almost missed seeing some of the most beautiful stretches of farmland surrounded by fall trees. I wonder how often we miss the beauty in our lives because we are too mad that we had to take a detour in our plan. This week, COVID has caused a lot of detours in my plans for student ministry. Today I am deciding to trust that God has beauty around the corner from the roadblock. What roadblocks are you facing today? I invite you to look for God in the roadblocks. He shows up for us every time; we just need to get better at looking for him

Sunday Worship, November 1

This Sunday we observe Reformation Day, celebrate the Lord's Supper, and Pastor Doug's message, "The Way of Blessing" will be based on Psalm 128.

Our Guidelines for Worship in the Sanctuary during COVID-19 can be found at the top of our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SecondCRCFremont>

Student Ministries information for Worship, November 1

- Prior to coming to church, we ask parents to check their child's temperature and check for COVID/cold and flu symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms or have had exposure, please join us online.
- We encourage parents to take their students to the bathroom prior to worship.
- Volunteers and student helpers will wear a mask while in class with students.
- Hand sanitizer will be used before entering the classroom.
- After worship, please pick your student up from their classroom.

Church Family

Thank you for the prayers for my son-in-law, **Larry Zandvliet Jr.**, He is now home but has a very long road to recovery from the stroke and blot clot. Please continue to pray for healing and patience dealing with the effects of the stroke. --

Louise Slager

We rejoice and give thanks to God for the birth of another granddaughter, Chloe Ann. --Doug & Cathy MacLeod

Pray for the continuing health of our church members, students, teachers, and those of other congregations during this pandemic. Pray also for **Trinity CRC** which will not be gathering for worship services this Sunday, or next Sunday, in response to a COVID diagnosis.

Congregational News

Church Office

The church office hours are 9 am to 12 noon, Monday through Friday. The building will likely be open at other times, but we guarantee someone will be there during these times.

Pre-Service Prayer Gatherings

Dear friends, Please join us for pre-worship service prayer on Sunday mornings at 9:05 a.m. Even if you aren't comfortable praying aloud, still come and join us as we pray for the worship service and Second Church.

Offerings

Our Deacons welcome our support for our congregation's financial obligations with our offerings. Donations can be mailed to the church at 600 Apache Drive or submitted online via bank account, or card at this link: [Online Giving](#). If you wish to give to Christian Education or Faith Promise online then, download the "GivePlus" app.

Special envelope offerings are:

- November 1 – World Renew
- November 8 – Back to God Ministries
- November 15 – Chaplaincy and Care Ministry
- November 22 – Bethany Christian Services

Stock the Pantry

For the month of October, the requested items are canned fruits and vegetables. Starting in November the requested items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, and/or rice. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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