

December 6, 2020

Worship 9:30 AM

Our worship service is livestreamed:

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on Facebook at facebook.com/SecondCRCFremont/live/

Gathering

Welcome

Call to Worship

God's Greeting

Passing the Peace of Christ

Songs of Praise: "Joy Has Dawned" and "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Depending on God

Second Advent Candle: Wilderness

Advent Reading: Isaiah 40:3-5

Lighting the Second Candle

Trio: "People in Darkness Are Looking for Light"

Children's Blessing

Congregational Prayer

Receiving God's Word

Song of Preparation: "Hope is Dawning"

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

Message: "The Wilderness"

Song: "What Feast of Love"

Lord's Supper

Song of Response: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Departing as Witnesses

Blessing from God

Parting Hymn: "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

*Musicians: Wendy Kops, Jud Afman, Annelise Hynns,
Sydney Wagenmaker, Steve Wagenmaker*

Advent Reader: Braden DeWeerd

Trio: Grace Cook, Lucy Folkema, Avery Pinkston

Preacher: Pastor Doug MacLeod

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship, December 6, The Second Sunday of Advent – live stream.

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This year our Advent anticipation, as we look toward Bethlehem, is guided by the Gospel readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. The shared use of these texts joins us with the worldwide church and in solidarity with a world enduring this pandemic. Today we light the Second Advent Candle, Braden DeWeerd reads from Isaiah 40, and Grace Cook, Lucy Folkema, and Avery Pinkston sing "People in Darkness Are Looking for Light." The scripture text for Pastor Doug's message is Mark 1:1-8 which takes us back to the beginning of the Gospel which Jesus is bringing to the world. This Sunday we also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper – we do it as one body even though during this time we are physically apart.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our sympathies are extended to **Marilyn Wever** in the death of her daughter, **Pam Britton** this past week.

Our sympathies and love are extended to Roger Folkema's family: Marv & Donna Folkema, Mary Folkema, Jennifer Folkema, Brian & Ashley Folkema, Rachel & Philip and Natalie and Avery Pinkston, and Judy & Phil Deur.

Second Church family: Thank you so much for the calls, cards, visits, meals and prayers during Roger's illness and passing. Your love and caring was felt by us all.

Mary Folkema and family

Brad and I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, cards, visits, and calls not only in the passing of my dad, but during his stay at the nursing home. The support and prayers from all of you not only got us through but dad also. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring church.

Vicki and Brad Gilliland

Our sympathies are extended to **Jacob Finner**, whose mother **Becky Riddle**, passed away Friday, December 4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Giving Envelopes

Your giving envelopes for 2021 are in your mailboxes in the lobby. If you would like it to be mailed to you, please let Valerie know at office@secondcrcfremont.org.

Advent Resources

Our Student Ministries Committee has obtained the following devotional for our congregational use during Advent: [Advent devotional](#) If you do not have a printer at home, we have some copies available at church that you can pick up or that we can deliver.

The Service Deacons invite our 2nd Church family to show our love and support to the Jenn and Matt Mellema family as Jenn is home recovering from surgery for breast cancer. Click the link below to select a date to bring the family a warm meal or a gift card for a local restaurant. Contact Audra Powell [231-414-1820](tel:231-414-1820) or Stephanie DeKuiper [231-414-5141](tel:231-414-5141) with questions or help signing up. <https://mealtrain.com/q4yd49>

Love Offering

An envelope will be placed in your church mailboxes this Friday labeled "Love Offering" to show our good will and appreciation for our church staff this Christmas season. If you would like to participate, please return your offering to the church office or to Audra Powell by December 13. Please specify how you intend your gift to be dispersed. If you like, you can drop off the love offering envelope to the church. There is an offering plate in the lobby specified for love offering. Please, no cash. Contact Audra Powell (231.414.1820) if you would like the envelope dropped off at your home. Please Note: any late offerings that come in following December 14 will be added to the General Fund.

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. Additionally, donations can be submitted online via bank account, credit, or debit card at this link: [Second CRC - Online Giving](#) or download the "GivePlus" app if you wish to give to funds other than the General Fund. Special envelope offerings are:

December 6 – Fremont Service Committee
December 13 – Wellspring Adult Day Services
December 20 – Christian Education Fund
December 27 – Love, INC

The November 29 offering for Young Life was \$125.

Stock the Pantry: For December, the requested items will soup and crackers.

AVAILABLE ON THE LITERATURE LEDGE

- TODAY Devotional for Nov/Dec

SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Sound and Video Operators

Today, Dec 6: Kyler DeKuiper, Jason DeKuiper,
Jason Snyder

Next Week, Dec 13: Jonathan Mellema, Jon Mellema,
Zach Van Wyk