

## **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**March 24, 2021**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **From Your Student Ministries Director's Desk**

Sunday morning, for a few moments, I felt like I was whisked back to 1999. I remembered my Children in Worship classroom. I remembered Mrs. Roose pulling out the roll-away sandbox and the felt liturgical calendar. I remembered animal crackers, sitting with my friends, and singing the words of "Jesus Loves Me." There is just something about familiar things that can pull up memories or feelings you didn't think you remembered. Sunday morning, I felt an overwhelming sense of peace as Second Church, all ages of us, sang together, "Yes, Jesus loves me!"

I don't know about you, but peace feels like it has been in short supply this last year. I don't even need to list the series of tragedies, disappointments, and sad events – you already know them. We've lived through a year where it has felt like peace was in short supply. But God knows exactly what we need and exactly when we need it. Today might be a heavy day for you, it might be a light and sunny day, or you might find yourself somewhere in between. No matter what today holds for you, we sing this truth. "Jesus loves me still today, / walking with me on my way, / Wanting as a friend to give / Light and Love to all who live. / Yes, Jesus loves me!"

### **From Your Music Director's Desk**

One of the issues of dealing with surgery recovery is the difficulty in behaving while my eye heals. That means that I cannot do the things that I normally do throughout each day of the week. My doctor said no lifting heavy objects and no running. Well, the no running thing is not a problem, but the lifting heavy objects is another story. I mean, my daily hay hauling with my overflowing wheelbarrow has to be sidelined for awhile. In addition my doctor was unsympathetic when I presented what I thought was a very strong argument for riding my horse. I know these restrictions are temporary, and it is for my good in the long run. I value my sight.

Being a Christian and doing our best to live for Jesus requires certain guidelines and they are written in the Bible. These guidelines are for our good as we live our lives here on Earth because in the end we are going to live forever with God in Heaven. Following the guidelines of God are going to be so worth it when our life here is done.

I pray that your week is full of the joy of God's presence. God bless.

### **Palm Sunday Worship, March 28**

Pastor Greg VanderHorn will lead us in worship. His message entitled "How to Earn Praise for Your Praise" is based on Psalm 118:22-29. Masks are recommended while in the building, and social distancing measures are in place. Nursery and Story Hour programs are offered during worship. We also livestream the service and welcome your worship participation in-person or via our livestream:

[tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive](https://tinyurl.com/2ndcrclive)

### **Easter Sunday Worship, April 4**

Pastor Broekema will lead us in worship. Story Hour will not be offered, although Nursery will.

### **Lent 2021 Devotional Resources:**

Go to [secondcrcfremont.org/lent](https://secondcrcfremont.org/lent) to download our weekly Lenten devotional.

Read the Gospels during Lent - Reading Guide:

Wednesday, March 24	John 1-3
Thursday, March 25	John 4-5
Friday, March 26	John 6-7
Saturday, March 27	John 8-9
Sunday, March 28	Lord's Day
Monday, March 29	John 10-11
Tuesday, March 30	John 12-13
Wednesday, March 31	John 14-15

## Our Church Family

Please be in prayer for Council and Pastor Doug tonight as they meet to discuss the recommendations from Pastor Church Resources and make a plan as to how to move forward.

We celebrate with the **Jeremy and Ashley Luchies Family (Joel, Evan, Ella, and Blayke)** in Jeremy's formalized adoption of Ella.

## Congregational News

### Faith Promise Missions

It is our privilege to pray for our Faith Promise supported mission endeavors. Pray for safety, protection from Covid and that the light of Christ will shine through each ministry. Below is the list of ministries we support:

Appalachia Reach Out, Dwayne Mills director  
Karin Medical Clinic, Hope Okeny, director  
Haiti Foundation Against Poverty  
S.O.S. Ministries, Paul Gonzales director

Mission India  
Growing Hope Globally  
Vera Hansen with Greater Europe Mission

### Prayer Information and Updates

The Love, Inc. quarterly prayer gathering will be held on Thursday, April 1, at 6:30 pm. The church is located at 212 W. 128th St. in Grant, MI. If you are interested in joining with others in prayer for our communities, you are welcome to attend.

The weekly email prayer guide will resume on Monday, April 5.

Join us for prayer each Sunday at 9:05 am in the Fireside Room/Library as we pray for the service, our church, and other needs.

### Offering Information

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:

- March 28 – Community Closet*
- April 4 – GEMS*
- April 11 – Karin Medical Clinic*
- April 18 – Second/Trinity Cadets*
- April 25 – Young Life Campership*

### Stock the Pantry

For March, the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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