

## **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**April 7, 2021**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

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

One of the best gifts that 2020 gave me came on July 3. Obviously, I am talking about the straight-to-streaming adaptation of Hamilton the musical. You might not know this, but I am a bit of a theatre nerd and was beyond excited when I watched the musical live in February. One of my favorite songs from the production is called "What Comes Next?". In it, King George goes on a satirical tirade against the newly made United States, "You're on your own / Awesome, wow! / Do you have a clue what happens now?" I guarantee you George never imagined what would come next for that little ragtag army.

I have to imagine that everyone from the disciples to the religious elite asked themselves, "what comes next?" in the days that followed the resurrection. There was no way to expect that they would start a religion that would one day be worldwide and have billions of people who believe everything that had happened with them. If we take the time to look back over the story of God's people, we would see again and again examples of small acts of faith being used by God to change things for the better. So in this Post-Easter world, we live in, I think the question before each of us is "What Comes Next?". What is the Lord asking me or you to do in faith for him? What small act of faith could change your world, your life, or the lives of those you love?

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

It is so good to hear our congregation singing each Sunday with enthusiasm and joy! It is an honor to praise our Lord because He has given His all to us, in the form of His Son Jesus. We are singing to and worshipping a risen Savior! I came across a cartoon that depicts several grave stones of many gods who have died and are buried, but in the background is an empty grave with the stone rolled away, overshadowing the gravestones with the names of gods who are still dead. He is risen indeed!

If you are a singer or musician and you would be interested in joining our praise teams please feel free to contact me. I am inviting all current praise team members and anyone who feels the desire to share your gifts with our congregation to join us on Saturday, April 24th at 10:30 at the church to rehearse new songs. If you have song ideas that you would like to have our congregation sing then bring your suggestions to be considered. It would be a great opportunity to participate in a very relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere, without pressure of singing on Sunday mornings. It is also a way to come together in a social way to get to know each better, as Sunday mornings we have to be more focused on the task at hand. I hope to see you then. May God's presence be with you throughout this week as we enjoy the springtime.

### **Sunday Worship, April 11**

Seminarian Matthew Guichelaar will lead us in worship. His message entitled "Naaman: Grace Beyond the Chosen People" is based on 2 Kings 5. 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)

You will notice that we are singing at least one song during the Prelude portion of most services. As you make your way into the sanctuary, please feel free to sing along with our praise teams as we are singing the Prelude songs. Of course, you should also feel free to sit and listen and gather your prayerful thoughts as you prepare for worship. Whatever helps you get your hearts ready to enjoy being in God's presence. This time is designed to be a gift to you and your relationship with the Lord.

### **Sunday Worship, April 18**

Seminarian Jodi VanWingerden will lead us in worship. Her message "Unsettling Grace" is based on Luke 12:13-21.

## Our Church Family

Please pray for continued healing and recovery for **Rog Rauwerda**. He had his defibrillator replaced Monday in Arizona and is recovering well.

## Congregational News

### FYSH Service Opportunity:

FYSH is planning to partner with AboveGroundGR, a local nonprofit that works with the homeless community. We plan to help deliver supplies and bring a meal to the people in these communities. We are also in the process of helping them collect school supplies for the approximately 200 children in the GR homeless communities. If you are interested in helping us with this - students are collecting pop cans, or you can donate by buying directly from their [Amazon Wish List](#). Using the wish list is critical because then all of the donations are the same and will not lead to theft. If you have any questions, please reach out to Zach or Kyle at [zach@secondcrcfremont.org](mailto:zach@secondcrcfremont.org) or [kyledeeganmullin@gmail.com](mailto:kyledeeganmullin@gmail.com)

### Coffee Break

Coffee Break Bible Study would like to invite all women to a Zoom 4-week study on the books of Titus and Philemon. We will be meeting every **Thursday** beginning April 15 and ending May 6. We will meet from 10-11am, and you will be sent a Zoom link the Wednesday before each meeting. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Karen Admiraal (231-335-2285) or Doris Broekema. (231-286-8490).

### Attention Cookie Bakers:

We have resumed serving cookies (individually packaged - one to a baggie) and coffee/juice following the morning worship service. If you are willing to bake cookies for a Sunday morning, there will be a sign-up sheet on the coffee counter Sunday morning.

### Library Request

We are looking for used children's picture books, Bible storybooks, juvenile chapter books, and kids' DVDs in good condition, which teaches good values and life lessons for the kids' area in the church library. Do you have some that you are willing to donate?

### 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:      *April 11 – Karin Medical Clinic*  
   *April 18 – Second/Trinity Cadets*  
   *April 25 – Young Life Campership*

### Stock the Pantry

For the month of April, the requested food items are canned fruit and vegetables. Donations can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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