

SECOND'S MATTERS

December 14, 2022



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, December 18

Pastor Ron Fynewever will be leading us in worship. His sermon "Three Life Changing Statements" is based on scriptures Luke 1:26-38 and Matthew 12:18-25. The children will be taking a noisy coin offering for the Appalachia Reach Out Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund.

This Sunday, December 18, our children's choir will present their Christmas program, "The Symbols of Christmas." The children will show us how the decorations we use at Christmas are more than just "stuff" that makes our homes look nice; in fact, all of these things can remind us of Jesus. Our choir -- Grace Cook, Lucy Folkema, Seth DeKuiper, Charlotte Cook, Cole Breuker, and Katherine Donkersloot - is excited to share this story with you on Sunday!

Pre-Service Prayer

Everyone is invited to join with others in the Fireside Room/Library at 9:05 am each Sunday morning for prayer. We share requests, read a portion of scripture, and have a time of silent and verbal prayer. Praying silently or out loud is your choice and no one is made to feel uncomfortable. If this is something you would like to try, please join us. We want you to know how welcome you will be.

Greeters Sunday, December 18 are Dave and Alvera Kidder.

Just a reminder: The Council has asked that members/visitors please sit in the pews close to the front of the church in either the middle or east section (over by the organ) of pews. Thank you

The Community Evening Worship service on Sunday, December 18, will be a Candlelight Service at Trinity CRC at 5pm

There will be no evening worship on December 25 and January 1.

Our Church Family

We welcome **Bryan and Michele Van Soelen** to the Second Church family. The Van Soelens have been worshipping and helping in the church for a couple of years and have transferred their memberships from Providence CRC, Grand Rapids to Second.

Pray for **Mike DeKuiper** who will be having knee replacement surgery today. Pray that the surgery and recovery goes well.

Keep **Michael Dimkoff** in your prayers as he continues his recovery.

Keep **John Van Hekken** in your prayers as he continues his cancer treatments.

Fred Bultman's membership papers have been transferred to Woodlawn CRC in Grand Rapids. May God bless him and his new church family.

Community Announcements

Meal train for the Hyrns family

We rejoice with Nate and Annelise Hyrns as they welcomed Esther Diane to their family on Wednesday, November 23. Please consider helping us serve the Hyrns' with meals as they welcome Esther and adjust to parenthood! You can click on this link to sign up <https://mealtrain.com/4mngz6> or contact Stephanie DeKuiper at 231-424-5141. The signup dates will be later in the month. If you would like to bring them a meal or restaurant gift card prior to those dates, please contact Annelise.

Baby Shower Crib: The Hyrns Family

The 'Baby Shower' crib will be set up in the lobby until December 19 to welcome Esther Diane Hyrns, daughter of Nate and Annelise, to the Second Church family and 'shower' her with gifts.

Christmas Caroling

The fellowship and outreach committees will be having a Christmas Caroling event at the Newaygo County Medical Care Facility on Thursday, December 22nd at 6:15pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby if you would like to attend.

Church office hours

The church will not have office hours on Friday, December 23 and Friday, December 30. Please have announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday 5pm of those weeks.

Ukraine Pledge Program Update

We have met our initial financial goal, but we are still accepting new pledges.

Offering Information

Our Deacons encourage our support to our congregation's financial obligations through 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 for December are:

December 18 – Resonate Global

December 25 – Love, INC

Stock the Pantry

For December, the requested food items are soup and crackers. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

As we continue reading through the book of Luke in December, the Prayer Corner will focus on a portion of scripture from each week's readings. Today we are looking at the very familiar and much loved Lord's Prayer in Luke 11: 1-4, NIV. Matthew in Matthew 6:9-13 records the prayer a bit differently.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

Give us our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation."

You are encouraged to think about the Lord's Prayer this week and to allow the beautiful words to penetrate your thoughts until gratitude is the natural response.

As a congregation we are seeking to strengthen our prayer foundation. Individual and/or family prayer times at home and together as a church family, weekly Prayer Guides, the weekly Prayer Corner in Seconds Matters, Pre-Service Prayer in the Fireside Room/Library on Sunday mornings, Prayer Vigils and teaching on prayer are just some of the ways we are encouraged to deepen our walk with the Lord through prayer. Whether you have made prayer a part of your life since you were young, or if it is newer to you, we all need to communicate with the Lord through prayer. It's our lifeline and there is power in prayer.

As 2022 draws to a close in a few weeks and 2023 will soon be here, determine to make prayer a priority in your life. Take time to look back and see how God has answered prayer this year and look ahead in expectation of what He will do in the new year.

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