

## **SECOND'S MATTERS**

**December 28, 2022**



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

### **Sunday, January 1, 2023**

Pastor Tom Jasperse will be leading us in worship. His sermon "I Want to be Like Caleb" is based on Joshua 14:6-12. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

### **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**, January 1, 2023 are Bryan and Michele Van Soelen

**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:** There will be no evening worship on January 1, 2023.

### **Our Church Family**

Pray for safety for all who are traveling during the holidays.

Keep Mike DeKuiper in your prayers as he recovers from recent knee replacement surgery.

Pray for John Van Hekken that his body will continue to respond to the treatments for his cancer.

Pray for Second Church as we enter a new year. Pray that we will be united in serving the Lord and making Him known in our community.

### **Community Announcements**

#### **Church office hours**

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

#### **Coffee Break**

Coffee Break Bible Study will resume meeting Tuesday, January 10, at 9:30 am at the Second Christian Reformed Church, 600 Apache Drive. Coffee Break is for all women, those who have little or no Bible knowledge as well as those with many years of Bible study. We will begin a study of the book of Psalms: Hope When We're Hurting. Study guides will be available at the first meeting. Please note: No child care is available. Questions? Contact Karen Admiraal (231-335-2285) or Torrie Wilkinson (231-335-0757). Hope to see you then.

#### **Mobile Food Truck, January 18, 2023 – Volunteers needed**

On Wednesday, January 18, we will again offer drive-thru pick-up. Recipients will stay in their vehicles, and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their cars. Thankfully, we can serve our community with this vital food resource that is needed more than ever. **Volunteers are needed** - please sign up by emailing Audra Powell (audrascott@hotmail.com) or on the sheet on the literature ledge. Please arrive by 4:15 to help



## 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 January are:*

*January 1, 2023 – Insight Pregnancy services*

*January 8 – Community Closet*

*January 15 – Western Michigan Christian High School*

*January 22 – Crossroads Bible Institute*

*January 29 – Cadets (main office)*

## Stock the Pantry

For January, the requested food items are cereal, pancake mix, and syrup. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

## Prayer Corner

I found a prayer by David Campbell from the book Heart Cries of Heaven and would like to share excerpts of it with you as we close out 2022 this week. The prayer is a bit long, but take the time to meditate on the words and ask the Lord to speak directly to you.

Our great and gracious God,

As we come to the close of another year, we would indeed make it the prayer of our hearts that you would abide with us. We thank you that you have been with us through the days of this past year.

Perhaps many a day we have not felt you near, perhaps at times we have even felt that you have forsaken us and forgotten us but we thank you that it has never been so.

We thank you that you are constantly with your people, and that you have enabled us to persevere in grace,

You have comforted our hearts,

You have heard our prayers,

You have come so often to our aid.

We pray that you will go with us into this new year.

There is none of us who knows what the new year will hold, but we thank you that every moment of that year is in your hands, and you will be with your people.

We thank you that with that promise girding us, we can go forward with confidence and in your peace.

We pray that you will help us to walk with you in this new year better than we have ever done before.

Forgive us, Lord, for our sins and our back slidings of this past year.

Have mercy, we pray, upon those connected with us who come to the end of this year and their hearts are still closed against you, still hardening their hearts against you. Spare them, O God, we pray; spare them! Grant that this new year would mark the beginning of new life in Jesus Christ. We are so thankful for the almighty Holy Spirit, for his limitless power to bring conviction of sin, to give new birth, and to draw those who are away from you to faith and to repentance.

We pray, Lord, that you would do that in the hearts and lives of all who are upon our hearts.

For Jesus' sake,

Amen

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