

SECOND'S MATTERS

August 23, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. His message "Finding Joy in ...Garbage" is based on Philippians 3:1-9. The greeters will be Chris and Mary Boven

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.

Sunday, August 27 - Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC

Sunday, September 3

On Sunday, September 3, our church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10am. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT5wDetjhbSToNY3vKUO3Pg/live>. The offering will be received for Love, INC. Elements for **Communion** will be handed out as people arrive.

There will be **no** Community Evening Worship at First CRC on Sunday, September 3

Our Church Family

From Pastor Adam

"Hi family,

We are halfway through my 4th week as your pastor and I want to take a moment and say a few things. The first is that my heart, along with my family's hearts, are full with the warmth and love that we have experienced here. We feel truly at home with Second Church and we couldn't be more grateful for each of you. Second, God is moving!! I have seen so many amazing things happen in the life of the church since we arrived and I wanted to encourage all of you in this, though nothing is ever perfect this side of eternity, the growth that is beginning to happen here will echo in the spiritual lives of this body of believers for years to come. I can't say enough how much joy I feel from being your pastor and seeing the Spirit of God move in your hearts. And lastly, I said this on Sunday but I'll reiterate it here: Forgiven people need to be forgiving people. That is one incredible way that we are different from the world around us. Between now and Sunday, how might you step out in faith through an apology; seeking forgiveness from or offering forgiveness to someone in your life. God's grace to you in that process and I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam

Gaylen Byker has returned home. Please pray for continued healing.

John Van Hekken is back at home this week. He will have his last round of chemo next week. Please pray for continued recovery and healing.

John and I would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards and meals after my surgery. I am feeling stronger every day and looking forward to being back to full activity very soon! It's so great to be a part of the family of God.

Helen Mellema

Thank You to those individuals who have volunteered to be greeters at the Community Worship Service on September 3, at the Veterans Memorial Park. There will be a brief meeting for details after the morning service on August 27 in the room (the old nursery) located behind the kitchenette area on the east side of the lobby.

Community Announcements

Harvest Table

If you have garden produce you are willing to share, please bring it to church on Sunday morning and place it on the harvest table in the lobby. Members and guests are invited to take it home.

Prayer Partners for 2023-2024

School bells will soon be ringing, so it is time to sign up as a prayer partner for a child of Second Church. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer; please consider being a special friend to someone this year!! "Rich is the person who has a praying friend."

Potluck, Sunday, September 10

It's almost fall and our Sunday School and other activities will kickoff on September 10th.

Please join us for a Fall Kickoff Potluck on Sunday the 10th at 11:30 to celebrate our Sunday School and other activities. To help us plan, please sign up for a main dish or a salad on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Thank you, the Fellowship Committee

Gems Leaders Needed:

The four CRC's in Fremont have a combined GEMS program that is a part of our CRC Shared Ministries. GEMS is a ministry for young girls that helps them grow in their faith and build meaningful relationships with each other. The program has been steadily growing the last few years and we are in need of a few new volunteers to support our two lead counselors who are already in place. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve please contact Samantha Greer at 616-990-4510 or Felicia Wagenmaker at 231-225-6006.

TO ALL MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDEES

The church office will be producing an **Updated Church Directory** in the coming weeks. If you have changed address, phone number, email, etc., or would like to be added, please get the appropriate information to Valerie by emailing office@secondcrcfremont.org or calling the church office (231) 924-0170 by **August 30, 2023**.

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thank you to those who have already sent in an updated photo.

The church office will be producing an updated pictorial church directory in the coming weeks. If you want to be in the pictorial, please email or send/drop off to the office a current picture of your family. Please send an updated photo to Valerie by emailing office@secondcrcfremont.org or mail: 600 Apache Drive, or put in the mail slot on the office door by **August 30, 2023**.



Looking for Sunday morning coffee cookie bakers for October and November. Sign up on the coffee counter.

There are a few mugs that have been left on Sunday mornings along with a few coffee cups that have accumulated that are not being used. These will be out on a table by the coffee counter. If you left a mug, reclaim it, or if you would like to take a coffee cup, please do.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND:

Please check your church mailbox for a letter and a pledge card for the 2023/2024 school year. Please place your pledge card in the box in the church foyer by **August 31st**. This year we anticipate at least 17 children utilizing this fund at a cost of approximately \$90,000. If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wolffis at (231) 519-3686.

Advance Notice for GriefShare

We would like to welcome any adult who has lost a loved one to attend a GriefShare Group, this non-denominational 14 week course offers help and support for the grieving. Each class is special and different, focusing on a DVD featuring grief experts and real-life stories. A \$10.00 fee is for your personal workbook, which you will use in the program to help and guide you in your healing. Although you might not be able to attend each week, you are encouraged to do so. There is an open-door policy,

so new people can join at any given time. Sessions will be on consecutive Tuesdays beginning September 5, 2023, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at First CRC (721 Hillcrest, Fremont). Registration online at www.griefshare.org or (231) 924-2460 is helpful for planning ,but not required.

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 August are:

August 27 – Kids Hope

Stock the Pantry

For August, the requested food items are macaroni and cheese, canned meat. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

Do you take the time to praise the Lord no matter how your day is going? Do you find yourself rushing from one task or appointment to another without connecting with your heavenly Father? It is so easy to get pulled in many different directions in the fast paced world in which we live and to forget to take precious time to be with the one who gave His all for you. A song in your heart and praise on your lips will do wonders to keep you connected with the Lord all day long. Start by praising Him anywhere!

Praise You Anywhere
Brandon Lake

Sometimes you've gotta dance through the darkness
Sing through the fire, praise when it don't make sense
Sometimes you've gotta stare down the giant
Worship from the lion's den

Sometimes you've gotta shout it from the mountain
Louder in the valley, trusting that He's gonna get you there
Sometimes you've gotta welcome the wonder
Wait for the answer, worship with your hands in the air
I'll praise You anywhere

Sometimes you've gotta praise in the prison
Cry out to heaven, shout it 'til the doors swing wide
Sometimes you've gotta stand on your shackles
Brave in the battle, worship with your hands held high
I'll praise You anywhere

Praise, give Him praise, give Him praise in the highest
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He is worthy, yes, He is worthy of all of the
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