

# SECOND'S MATTERS

August 9, 2023



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## **Sunday, August 13, 2023**

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. His message "Finding Joy in Humility" is based on Philippians 2:1-11. The greeters will be Bruce and Karen Haveman.

### **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 13 - Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC**

## **Sunday, August 20, 2023**

Pastor Dave Brower will be installing Stated Supply Pastor Adam Sculnick as an elder and then Pastor Dave will preside over the distribution of communion.

### **Our Church Family**

#### **From Pastor Adam**

#### **Good morning family,**

I wanted to share with you a way to keep the sermon with you all week long and continue praising the Lord well beyond the time we spend together. Music is such a vital portion of our worship service and is a central theme throughout scripture, lifting our hearts up in song to God should be something we do regularly. When I prepare a sermon series, I create a playlist for myself that keeps me in the heartspace of the theme of the series and reconnects me to the messages of scripture that I'll be drawing on for the sermons themselves. I'd like to share that playlist with you. Each series I preach as your pastor will have its own song list and those playlists will be available on my Spotify channel free to listen to and enjoy. Here is the playlist for our current series, [Finding Joy](#). On it you'll find *First Things First*, the song we introduced to you last Sunday during the offering. I pray that the songs edify you even as your singing glorifies God.

In Christ,

**Pastor Adam**

Thank you all for your concerns, prayers, cards and visits during my time of need. Everything is working well, and I am blessed.

**Jim Beadle**

Please continue to pray for **Wayne Vogel, Melanie DeKryger, Gaylen Byker, and John Van Hekken** as they recover from their respective surgeries and treatments.

### **Community Announcements**

**Pastor Adam Sculnick** has begun his ministry with us. He will be at church generally from 9am until 4pm, Monday through Thursday. If you would like to talk or visit, please contact him at:  
email – [adam@secondcrcfremont.org](mailto:adam@secondcrcfremont.org) Telephone / text – (231) 335-0314

### **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](mailto:office@secondcrcfremont.org) or calling the church office (231) 924-0170 by August 30, 2023.

#### **Pictorial Church Directory**

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](mailto: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 September. 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:**

Thank you for helping us to achieve our financial goal for the past school year! 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### **CADETS**

**ATTENTION ALL SPORTSMEN:** The Calvinist Cadet Corps is hosting its 9th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot. The event will be held on Saturday, August 19 at the Blendon Pines Gun Club in Zeeland, Michigan. For more information, call the Corps office at 616-241-5616 ext 1, or check out the Cadet website under the "Events" tab. Everyone is welcome! Registration forms are available on our website: [www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org). Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. Join us for a fun filled day! If you can't make it out for the event, but still want to be involved, sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on giving, contact Kim at the Corps office number listed above, or find information on our website on the event page.

### **Bible League**

Each year Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors send out a special fundraising letter to their church members. Together we are equipping Christians and churches all over the globe to engage in the Word of God. As a result, God's Kingdom is growing! Look for this letter and as you read it, please sincerely pray for the work of Scripture engagement. We appreciate any contribution you feel led to provide.

### **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 13 – Westen Michigan Christian High School*

*August 20 – Newaygo County Compassion House*

*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**

Our closing hymn last Sunday morning was "Take My Life and Let it Be", and one which we have known and sung for years. Stop and think of the words. We sing that we are consecrating our lives to the Lord. If we are honest about what we sing, that doesn't imply for one moment a "business as usual" approach to our Christian walk with the Lord. That means a constant yielding to the power of the Holy Spirit to work within us individually and as a church family.

Are you ready for that?

May the prayer of our hearts be one of yielding to the Holy Spirit. Great things are in store for us Second Church family, but only as we yield to God's will, work together as a family, and allow Him to work among us.

**Take My Life and Let it Be**  
Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart; it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.