

SECOND'S MATTERS

November 15, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, November 19

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. He will be starting a new series on the book of Malachi called "**how have YOU loved us.**" The sermon Sunday is 'Getting Ready' and based on Malachi 1:1-5. The greeters are Jon and Valerie Volz

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, November 19- Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC.

Our Church Family

"Hey family!

With Thanksgiving only a week away, I am looking forward to spending some intentional time with my family expressing gratitude to God for all that we have to be thankful for.

With that in mind, I want to invite you and your family to join us for a special Thanksgiving Day service at 9:30am. I know I've mentioned it from the pulpit the last few weeks but I really want to emphasize that this is a time to reflect on God, on His mercies and on His blessings. Whether you attend the service or not, I know too that it's a very busy day and I pray that you do not let the hustle and bustle of food prep and family prep pull you out of a mindset of worship.

Second is our Profession of Faith class that will begin November 26th. If you're thinking about taking that next step in your faith journey, reach out to us to sign up or [click this link](#) to get your name on the list.

Lastly, with a new sermon series set to begin this week, I am eager to share with you the playlist that has been part of the inspiration for the sermons in the series. Here is a link to the [spotify playlist](#) for the songs that accompany the all new series "**how have YOU loved us**" which begins this Sunday morning in the book of Malachi. Until we meet next, I pray God's peace and mercy for you and those you love. See you Sunday.

**Hidden In Christ,
Pastor Adam"**

John Van Hekken's has completed his first round of chemo and is back home. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Please pray for **Wayne Vogel** as he heals and is going through rehab.

Community Announcements

Prayers Partners- the excitement of a new school year has passed- are you staying in touch with your student and their life? Let them know you care!!!

All Church Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19

Don't forget our Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19th at 11:30 AM. Ham, rolls, and drink will be provided. Please sign up in the lobby so we know how much ham is needed.

Prayers for Food Truck Families

If you would like to join with others in our church family to pray for requests given to us by people receiving food at the October 18th food truck email Bette Wagenmaker at bettecarlson62@yahoo.com or see her at church. What a privilege it is to reach out to our neighbors.

Christmas Shoeboxes for Appalachia Reach Out

It's Christmas shoebox time. Get your shoebox while they last! Check out the display which will be up by Sunday, November 5th, grab one or more boxes, a list of suggested items and the grade of the boy or girl you are buying for. We will have a Bible verse for each box and are asking that you place it just inside the cover, so the first thing the child sees is God's Word, just for them!

Boxes must be returned no later than **Saturday, November 25th** in order to be included in this year's shipment to ARO in Inez, KY. You do not need to wrap individual items, but please wrap the shoebox itself and put the boy or girl tag with their grade on the outside. We have 75 boxes to fill, so families, singles and couples or Sunday School classes can all get in on the action to make Christmas brighter for the kiddos of ARO. Be blessed as you share the love of Christ with others!

Christmas Decorating Party, November 26

The fellowship Team welcomes everyone to a Christmas Decorating Party on November 26 at 4:30 PM. We will be assisting the Worship Team with decorating the church and end with a light supper. The children will be decorating a tree in the Fellowship Hall. Also if you are available after the season we will need help taking down the decorations. A sign up paper is on the table in the lobby for helping, how many attending and if you will be available for take down. "Many Hands Make Light Work!"

Ladies Christmas Tea, December 5

The Fellowship Team is hosting a Ladies Christmas Tea on December 5 at 11:30 am. Along with a light lunch there will be singing and games. Please sign up in the lobby so we can plan on food and set up. If you would like to host a table please see Helen Mellema or Vicki Gilliland for details. Optional: bring a food item for the food bank at True North.

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: November 19 – Hand2Hand

November 26 – Western Michigan Christian High School

Stock the Pantry

For November, the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, pasta/rice. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

May the words of this beautiful psalm be the song in your heart at this Thanksgiving season.

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have been the salvation of your God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it; the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

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