

SECOND'S MATTERS

November 29, 2023



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

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 'Unfaithful' and based on Malachi 2:10-16. The greeters are John and Helen Mellema. We will be partaking of the Lord's Supper during the worship service.

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, December 3- Community Worship Service at 5:00p at First CRC.

Our Church Family

"Hey family,

I cannot believe we are entering into Advent already. It also boggles my mind that I have already been here serving as your pastor for more than 4 months. With the whirlwind of holiday shopping getting stronger and the push and pull of daily schedules, athletic schedules, recital schedules, all the schedules piling up for each of us, this week I wanted to simply remind everyone that the first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope. And it isn't just that we are hopeful, as in we are positive or optimistic; it's that our hope is in Jesus, our living hope, and it never fails us. The reason for the season is Jesus, the hope of our salvation. Don't get caught up in the schedules. Don't get stuck in the business. Fix your eyes on Jesus. See you Sunday!

**Hidden in Christ,
Pastor Adam"**

John Van Hekken is home this week. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Wayne Vogel has returned home and continues to have rehab. Please pray for continued healing for Wayne.

Community Announcements

Reading through Luke in Advent

You are encouraged to read a chapter in the book of Luke each day in December starting with December 1. By Christmas Eve you will be reminded of who Jesus is and why He came to earth for you.

Christmas Shoeboxes for Appalachia Reach Out

There are a few boxes left! Please return the filled wrap boxes to the church by Sunday, December 3.

Christmas Caroling at the Newaygo Medical Care Facility, December 3

Let's join together and bring some Christmas joy to residents at the Newaygo Medical Care Facility on Sunday, December 3. Meet at care facility at 3:20 pm for caroling which begins at 3:30. Christmas cards are being made by kids in the GEMS and CIA programs for the residents. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

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.

34th Annual Christmas Shopping and Plum Pudding Shoppe December 2

It's that time of year once again - our crafters, bakers and woodworkers have been very busy and are ready for the 34th Annual Christmas Shopping and Plum Pudding Shoppe. Saturday, Dec 2, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 714 Hillcrest, Fremont.

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 3 – Newaygo County Compassion House
December 10 – 2nd CRC Upwards Sports Camp
December 17 – Christian Education Fund
December 24 – Love, Inc
December 31 - Wellspring*

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 enter this Advent season may we adore and worship our Lord Jesus Christ while we await His second coming. May worship and praise be a vital part of your Christmas preparations. Even so come Lord Jesus!

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

John Mason Neale

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. Refrain

3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

4 O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain

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