

# SECOND'S MATTERS

December 6, 2023



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## **Sunday, December 6, Second 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 'The Coming Messenger' and based on Malachi 2:17-3:5. The greeters are Ian and Madi Folkema.

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

## **Our Church Family**

**"Hey family,**

By now I imagine most of you have received the letter that myself and the church council put together; sharing all that God is doing here at Second Church and also how you can be involved in some of the next steps that we are taking in faith as a church body. If not, check your mailbox at church next time you're here or watch your mailbox if you are not currently local. We included a wishlist of things that the various committees and I are hoping to accomplish here and I really believe that God is going to provide for these things to happen. I can't believe all that He's done in just the 4 months I've been here and I don't see Him stopping now. Let's pray together about the ways in which He is using each of us to build His Kingdom in Fremont through Second CRC. Finances aside though, there are 3 big things happening between now and the end of the year that I want you to know. **The first** is that this coming Sunday, in addition to our Advent reading, we will be presenting 6 new professing members of the church who just made their profession of faith this past Sunday! I hope you'll join me in congratulating them this weekend in making this pivotal step in their walk with Christ. **Second**, our Christmas Eve candlelight service is going to be open to the community and our hope is to fill our sanctuary and maybe even the lobby too so that our collective voices are even louder as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. The service is at 5pm and there are flyers for it at our brand new Welcome Center that you can pick up and pass out to anyone you'd like to invite. Would you help me reach that goal of filling our sanctuary to standing room only this Christmas? **Lastly**, mark your calendar for New Years Eve at 5pm as we kick off a new tradition, Renew and Rejoice: A New Years Eve Prayer Experience. This interactive prayer labyrinth will be a community-wide event that will walk believers and seekers alike through various stations that will challenge their faith, deepen their love of Christ, and embolden their prayers for the new year. The event will be open for 2 hours but it is self-guided so you can come at any point in that 2 hours and spend anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes on the journey of prayer and enter the new year closer to the Lord than ever before. I hope to see you there and in the meantime, I pray that God blesses you richly in these next few days until we meet again on Sunday. See you then.

**Hidden in Christ,  
Pastor Adam"**

Please continue to keep **John Van Hekken** and **Wayne Vogel** in your prayers.

## **Community Announcements**

### **Welcome Center**

With the addition of the new Welcome Center also comes a new opportunity. We would like to staff the Welcome Center with individuals to greet visitors and share information or answers questions about our church. If you are interested in helping or learning more about this role please contact Bryan Van Soelen or Pastor Adam.



## WMC Christmas Collage

The WMC Christmas Collage will be held at the Frauenthal Theater in downtown Muskegon on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. Please join the WMC bands and choirs for this time-honored tradition, featuring treasured holiday carols and modern favorites. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased here: <https://western-michigan-christian-christmas-collage.square.site/>

## 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 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

The Advent season looks ahead to the birth of Jesus but this reflection by Howard Thurman challenges us to look beyond Christmas. Take some time this week and prayerfully ask the Lord to give His direction as to what comes next.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the king and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among people,  
to make music in the heart.

*from the Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations, 1985*

What are the next steps for you?

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