

# SECOND'S MATTERS

February 7, 2024



**Second Church  
of Fremont**

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## **Sunday, February 11, 2024**

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ...Build That Wall' based on 1 Corinthians 5:6-11. The greeters are George and Jane Vogel.

### **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, February 11, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm**

## **Our Church Family**

### **Hey family!**

I am filled with joy at what God is doing here at our church and I'm really excited to see what His plan is for our future together. This Sunday before communion I extended an invitation for anyone who had not yet submitted themselves to Christ as Lord and Savior to take that step and with everyone's head down and eyes closed one person stood up; I am so elated to share with you all that my mom, who was visiting from Florida, gave her life to Christ on Sunday. People are hearing the gospel message in our church and He is transforming lives. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing here.

With that last sentence in mind, I ask each of you to consider what it looks like to play a bigger part in the life of the church. We are going to need to install 3-4 new Elders and 2 new Deacons this Summer to fill the roles of those who have faithfully served and are coming to the end of their terms in the office. If you feel like God is calling you to explore leadership in His Church, please consider submitting your name, or if you have someone in your life that you think would fit, would you pray about nominating them? The submission box is at the Welcome Center in the lobby. If you are wondering what those roles might look like, please reach out to me here at the church and I'd be happy to talk it over with you.

Also, The Starting Point, our all new new members' class, is going to begin this Sunday at 11:30 and will run for the next 3 sSundays. This 3 part series will teach those seeking to join us all about our church's vision, the gospel, a bit of Church history, and more. If you are already a member and want to see what the class is like, feel free to sign up as well.

Lastly, I just wanted to be upfront with you about something. This coming Sunday and the Sunday after that, 2/11 and 2/18, the subject matter in the sermon will be more on the adult side. Obviously the 5th grade and under students are dismissed for that time anyway, but I know some of you have kiddos that stay and I also don't want to assume what or how your family discusses matters of marriage and sex, but the Word of God addresses it and so since the point in the text we are studying does I'm going to address it too. Please be aware of that as you plan for these next 2 Sundays. It won't be explicit by any means, but it is a topic that is sensitive. Call the church if you have any questions as you prepare your heart and the hearts of your families for worship.

I love you and I'm praying for you all as we approach Sunday morning. I look forward to seeing you then.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Adam"**

Please continue to keep **Evie Afman** and **John Van Hekken** in your prayers.

**Marian Homan** has a new phone number: (231) 428-1821

### **Community Announcements**

Highlights from the January 2024 council meeting:

- Minutes from December elder and deacon meetings were approved
- Ministry Team reports were received for information
- During Staff reports Adam shared the Welcome Brochure that is at the Welcome Center
- Reports from Care Coordinators were noted
- The November budget and recent "Wish List" were reviewed
- We will start soliciting names for council nominees
- Liaisons to the Ministry Teams were reminded to have next year's budget to Kit by 2-1-24
- Staff evaluations are being scheduled
- A Town Hall meeting to explain our vision and mission will be January 28, Adam will lead
- Muskegon Classis will meet at our church on February 22, John and Adam will attend as elder representatives and Stephanie as our deacon representative

#### **From the Outreach Committee**

Please sign an encouragement card for the staff of S.O.S. Ministries in Matamoros, Mexico. It'll be at the Welcome Center for a couple of weeks. Let's fill that card with signatures to let them know we love them and are praying for them.

#### **Insight Pregnancy Services Baby Bottle Fundraiser**

Insight has started its baby bottle fundraiser drive for 2024. If you wish to participate, grab an empty bottle from the display in the lobby and fill it with change, paper money, and/or a check. Return the baby bottle to church by February 27. Last year the bottles raised over \$20,000, and Insight hopes to reach that goal again.

#### **From Council**

As council prepares for the church year 2024-25, we welcome suggestions of names, people for the office of elders/deacon from the congregation. Please prayerfully consider and/or suggest individuals who you feel exhibit God's presence in leading our church. A box is available on the lobby on the literature ledge for the suggested names.

#### **Fremont Service Committee**

In your church mailbox is the year end report of the Fremont Service Committee/Car Ministry

#### **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: February 11 – Crossroads Bible Institute*

*February 18 – Kid's Hope*

*February 25 – Ferris State Campus Ministries*

#### **Stock the Pantry**

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

## **Prayer Corner**

We sang this song last Sunday morning at the close of the worship service. If the words describes you or someone you know, take the courage needed and reach out to Jesus and ask for His help or pray with the person who needs Jesus. He is always willing and eager to help those who seek Him in prayer.

### **Just as I am-I come broken by Travis Cottrell**

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

I come broken to be mended  
I come wounded to be healed  
I come desperate to be rescued  
I come empty to be filled  
I come guilty to be pardoned  
By the blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed with open arms  
Praise God, just as I am

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