

SECOND'S MATTERS

March 13, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ...Get Your Worship Right' based on 1 Corinthians 11:3-16. The greeters are Chris and Mary Boven. He children will be taking a noisy coin offering for Kid's Hope program at Second CRC.

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, March 17, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

Our Church Family

Hey church family!!!

I am not going to lie to you, as we approach Holy Week, I am finding myself deeper and deeper in the conviction that God is on the move here in Fremont and specifically here at Second Church. I don't know exactly how yet, but I trust Him. I was told by a dear friend of mine yesterday that as Christians we live in the tension of "Going, but not Knowing" and I felt that in my core. As we go forward in His timing to do His work, I will continue to pray for you and for us as a church family.

A few quick announcements as we look ahead. First, this coming Sunday will be the last Public Reading of Scripture until April. We will not meet for that study on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Mark your calendars and don't miss the last PRoS before the 2 week gap begins. Rest assured, we will resume again right after Easter.

Speaking of Easter, I know that many of you will be on vacations because of Spring Break, or because you are already in Florida/Arizona/etc for the season, but I want to reiterate a statement I made last Sunday from the pulpit: the city of Fremont needs Jesus and every single one of you knows someone who will not be away for Good Friday or Easter, and that person needs an invite to come hear about the man who gave His life so that they can be freed from sin and death. Invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers, the kid at the drive through window, the woman at the checkout line, the guy pumping gas next to you, invite everyone! He is Risen, and we should be very, very excited.

Next, the Chili (and soup) cookoff is this weekend. I pray that each and every one of you has made some plans to be present for it after the service. So much delicious food and a little bit of competition will make for a truly memorable time of fellowship.

Lastly, not long ago we gathered for a vision meeting to dream together about the direction that we as Second Church are headed. Part of that vision was to make some improvements to the facility and throughout this week, some of that dream is becoming a reality. This is less of a "pardon our dust" type of comment and more of a "put on your party hat and celebrate with us" type of comment because this dream is not mine alone but ours as a family and I ask you church, how often do you see a dream realized? We presented 12 unique "goals" that we dreamt about reaching for. With the work being done this week, we are looking at a third of those 12 being completed by the beginning of Holy Week. God is so good. Sing His praises with me won't you?

in His love and in His time,

Pastor Adam

Dear Second Church,

Thank you for the immense blessing you have been to Case, me and our family through the years. The outpouring of love, support and encouragement I have received for you in so many ways since Case's death has truly been God's gift. Thank you!!! May the Lord continue to shower His blessings upon you as you make a difference for Him. You will continue to be very much in my thoughts and prayers.

With love and deep appreciation,

Karen Admiraal

Please remember **Elsa Van Hekken and Mary Folkema and family** in your prayers as they mourn the passing of John Van Hekken last week. John's visitation and funeral information is linked [here](#).

Continued prayers for **Kim Hayward** as she recovers from her surgery at home and waits to for the next steps going forward.

Please pray for **Nanci Nieboer** who is undergoing outpatient surgery tomorrow.

Community Announcements

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS (and buyers)!

The Fellowship Committee is looking for people to provide cookies or other baked goods for Sunday morning coffee time following the service. Please add your name and email to the signup sheet at the if you are able to help.

Chili Cook-off, March 17

SIGN UP! SIGN UP! SIGN UP!

Please sign up if you are coming to the Chili Cook Off. We need a count of about how many tables and chairs to set up and if you are bringing a crock pot of chili to share. There will also be soups available for those who don't want chili. The signup sheet is on the Welcome Center.

Thanks, The Fellowship Committee

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: March 17 – Resonate World Missions

March 24 – Hand2Hand

Stock the Pantry

For March, the requested food items are peanut butter and jelly. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

Prayer Corner

Last Sunday, Pastor Adam closed the service with these very challenging words.

“We say all the time that Christ died for our sins and it’s how we explain the gospel.

I was dead in my sin, i was guilty. Think about what that means when somebody we know in our life passes away. We mourn. It’s hard. There’s all kinds of things we have to think about, prepare for and mentally wrap our brain around and yet we come to church every Sunday and we say, “Christ died for me.” Yeah! It’s deeper than that. it’s heavier than that.

Carry that around with you instead of the extra weight of life, instead of all the anxiety, all the hard stuff that going around.

Carry around the weight knowing that a man died so you could live, that He gave us a perfect relationship with God. He was born in a barn. He was raised poor, had nothing and yet He knew you and every strand of hair on your head and every awful thing that nobody else knows you did. He knew all of that and He took nails in His hands and nails in His feet and He struggled to breathe until He had no breath left in Him. And still in that moment prayed and for one more person that was doing the same next. to Him. He had you in mind.

Walk around with that. Tell other people that instead of whatever weird thing you saw on TV or the gossip you heard. Tell other people there’s a man whose name is Jesus and He gave His life for you. He wants to have a relationship with every single person that you meet. Let’s do that this week. As you do that do it with joy because He died and came back again.”

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Make it the prayer of your heart this week that you will follow Jesus more closely and will be obedient to share His love and the message of salvation with others.

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