

SECOND'S MATTERS

March 27, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is 'Dear Church ...Empty' . The greeters are Phil and Judy Deur

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 31, 2024 – NO Evening Community Worship Service

"Happy Holy Week Church Family!

It is Wednesday, that means that just shy of 2000 years ago tomorrow our Lord Jesus instituted what we call communion, the Lord's Supper. That night He was betrayed, arrested, prosecuted, unjustly convicted and the next day was crucified. We will celebrate together Friday evening at 7pm the horrific act that the enemy thought was his crowning achievement, but that the Lord used to declare victory over the enemy for His people (that's us). I know that many of you are traveling this weekend for the beginning of spring break and so I pray that if you are in town, that you'll join us for this contemplative, emotional service to reflect and celebrate the Lord's sacrifice for us. And if you aren't in town, I pray that you'll find time in the day to either attend a service wherever you are or to pause, pray and reflect personally and with those you are with on the impact that His suffering has on your life now and in eternity. And in that sadness over the death of our Savior we know that Sunday's coming and the resurrection is our promise that death is defeated and that we have overcome through Christ who lived and died and rose again. If you are a social media person, I'd like to ask you to join together with others in the church to share the posts we are putting up about the Friday and Sunday services and also to personally invite people to attend, whether you'll be there or not. God is doing something truly special here in Fremont and in particular with us at Second Church, and I trust that is this most special week of the Church year, you will experience His closeness as you seek after Him through prayer, scripture and the gathering of His people in worship.

**In Service to the King,
pastor Adam**

FYI: Beginning on Easter Sunday, March 31st, we will no longer be passing plates for an offering. Instead, you will have the opportunity to present your tithes and offerings in the offering boxes located at the entrances to the sanctuary. You may do this as you enter/exit worship.

The noisy coin offerings will continue to be taken on the 3rd Sunday of the month by the children.

Our Church Family

Please keep **Kim Hayward, Nanci Nieboer, Josie Visser**, and Doug DeKuiper in your prayers as they continue to recover from their recent surgeries.

Community Announcements

Property Committee meeting tonight at 7pm.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Did you know that now is a great time to begin buying items for your shoebox for Appalachia Reach Out? Yes, that's right! Start your Christmas shopping now. Boxes will be out in early November but buying throughout the year is fun, makes good sense and takes the rush out of buying in a hurry. Buy for a boy or girl and then just pick up the gift tag in November. We have plenty of boxes so please think about filling more than one!

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.

Thanks, The Fellowship Committee

From WMC

Western Michigan Christian is nearing the end a visioning process for a long-range infrastructure plan for the school and all of its many facets, including, but not limited to, the school building and property. Objectives have been prioritized, creative minds have stirred, pen has been put to paper, and models are being built. All of this coming together with a common goal in mind that includes a realistic, achievable vision for WMC over the next 10+ years. **The Vision Team is planning on a full presentation to the WMC community in collaboration with our spring Community Forum on April 17, 2024 at 6pm in the Big Room at WMC.** On that night you will see what WMC can become as we move forward to educate with excellence, integrate faith with knowledge, and equip students to work and serve Christ in their communities.

From Grace Adventures

Grace Adventures is hiring for all four campuses as we seek to impact people with Jesus Christ. We have some year-round roles as well as season positions which can be found here:

<https://graceadventures.org/employment/>.

In the Fremont area, we need staff to help serve our guests at The Shack, a Christian Conference and Retreat Center, for specific roles and to apply please go to the website:

<https://shackcountryinn.com/employment/>

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: March 31 – Newaygo County Compassion House

April 7 – GEMS

April 14 – WMCHS

April 21 – Christian Education Fund

April 28 – CIA

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

As we approach Good Friday and ponder the agony that Christ endured for each of us, the words of an old hymn come to mind. As you read these words, put in your own name for you are the sinner for whom Christ died. It is your debt that Christ's death has covered and it is the commitment of your life that Christ wants.

Alas! and did my Savior Bleed

Isaac Watts

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
and shut its glories in,
when God, the mighty maker died
for his own creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears;
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of tears can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe.
Here Lord, I give myself away;
'tis all that I can do.

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