

SECOND'S MATTERS

July 24, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday July 28

Pastor Adam Sculnick will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is "The Tenth Commandment: Contentment" based on Exodus 20:17. The greeters are Charlie and Melanie DeKryger.

The Sunday morning pre-service prayer gathering will not be held during the summer months.

Sunday, July 28, 2024 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

From the Desk of the Music Director:

Once again, I have the privilege of connecting with you in Second's Matters! I'm going to apologize in advance because it's long, but please take the time to read this! It includes a heads-up to some changes happening in worship, beginning this week Sunday, July 28.

First, a little bit of background. Every week, the staff works from a document in Planning Center that has a simple outline for each worship service: Awareness of God, Confession and Forgiveness, God Speaks, We Respond, and God Sends. The starting point is always Pastor Adam plugging in his sermon information. Then we start pulling the pieces together. We have been working with this format for several months and are always working to make it better. That brings us to the changes happening this week!

The way things are now, our opening section, "Awareness of God," begins with a Gathering Song. If this is truly a "gathering" song, the worship committee discussed that it should probably be done while we are gathering, not once worship has begun. So, this song will be moved to a part of the pre-service music (at 9:25am), thereby also giving the Praise Team an opportunity to introduce new songs. When you hear the singing start, it's your reminder that worship is about to begin, and we need you to come in! The words to these new songs will be on the screen. If you are comfortable or familiar with the song(s), feel free to join in singing. If not, sit back, listen and learn. This time of singing will end at 9:30am, when our worship service will officially begin. Our new format will have many of the same elements, just in a slightly different order. Included now will be a welcome, a Bible reading calling us to worship, and an opening prayer. Until the new screen is up in the lobby, we will also have necessary announcements here. Then, after a time of mutual greeting, we will spend time in praise and worship through song. These songs will not only offer praise but will also lead us into the time of "Confession and Forgiveness" (the next section of Worship), which includes the congregational prayer. Following this, things will remain the same: "God Speaks," "We Respond," and "God Sends."

Change can be difficult. After a fair amount of time, the worship committee will again evaluate where we are and how things are going. As always, our goal is to lead in a way that will bring us closer to God both in worship and as we leave to serve. Your feedback is always welcome. Please feel free to stop in, call, or email. I am usually in-office on Monday and Wednesday mornings (but calling first would be advised). Please continue to keep both the staff and the Worship Committee in your prayers as together we strive to honor God through worship!

*In His grip,
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Our Church Family

Pray for Doug Hamming, Charlie and Melanie DeKryger's son-in-law, who has stage 4 cancer. Pray for strength as he navigates the next steps going forward.

Please keep **Susan Byker, Pat DeKuiper, Kim Hayward, and Nanci Nieboer** in your prayers.

Community Announcements

The Property Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 24 at 7 PM

Don't forget to fill out the Bible Study preference sheet and put it in Ann Pell's box.

Prayer Partners

School is fast approaching; a praying adult is a great boost for a student!! Please sign up now to be a prayer partner this year at the table in the foyer.

In Two Weeks, August 5-9, 2nd Church will be hosting 30 children in a Broadway Boot Camp. They will learn about Jesus while preparing a program from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", which you are all invited to attend!. Please pray that this will be a God glorifying event for all involved.

The Fall Kick Off picnic is almost here

When: August 18, after the morning service

Time: 12 PM

Where: Here at church

Food: Fellowship Committee will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. There will also be ice cream sundaes for dessert.

Fun: Lawn games, chalking, bounce house, corn hole, volleyball net set up.

What to bring: a favorite picnic dish to share, a lawn chair.

Other information: We could use any pop up tents if you have one to help with shade while we eat. Contact Stephanie DeKuiper or Helen Mellema

To help with set up and the amount of meat to buy we need you to sign up on the table by the welcome center.

See you there!

Faith Promise Pledging for Missions

We are currently pledging for Faith Promise Missions for the 2024-2025 financial year. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you respond to the opportunity. Pledge cards are in mailboxes along with the Faith Promise booklet or are on the literature rack.

COOKIES

Bakers or buyers are needed to help supply 10 dozen treats each Sunday morning this fall for our post-service fellowship time. Please sign up for a date or two if you are able to help by clicking on the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-50295653-fall> If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Stephanie 231-414-5141. Thank you to all who helped provide treats this summer!



Stock the Pantry

For July the requested food items are cereal, pancake mix, syrup. Items can be dropped off at church or directly at TrueNorth.

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: July 28 – Fremont Christian School

August 4 – Resonate World Missions

August 11 – Western Michigan Christian High School

August 18 – Newaygo Community Compassion House

August 25 – Kid's Hope

Prayer Corner

At the beginning of last Sunday's worship service Gladys Pell talked about the need for unity within our church family. This is something that all of us have to strive for with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Bless be the Tie that Binds
John Fawcett (1740-1817)
Hans Georg Nageli (1773-1836)

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

5 This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and waits to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

What is the Theme of this Hymn?

The theme of this song is being committed to one another so that our faith community provides those around us with a glimpse of heaven. Christ binds the hearts of believers in a way that previews glory, in bonds deeper than other friendships. We pray together. We pray for one another. We worship and fellowship together. And our prayers and aims are centered on a common, united goal. We care so deeply for one another that we bear each other's burdens. When one of us hurts, we all hurt. When one of us is joyous, we share in that joy. When we are separated from each other, either on earth or by death, we have the hope of heaven to look forward to. This hope keeps the bonds between us unbroken.

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