

# SECOND'S MATTERS

July 3, 2024



Second Church  
of Fremont

*Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known*

## Sunday July 7

Second Church will be participating in a combined outdoor worship at Veterans' Park beginning at 10 am. We are looking forward to worshipping together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Golf carts will be available for those needing assistance entering the park from their parking location. A Kids Korner will be available for kids ages 4-10. Fellowship is encouraged following worship and will include refreshments activities. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@firstfremontcrc1886>



from our Music Director:

1 Chronicles 16:8-11, 34

<sup>8</sup>Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.

<sup>9</sup>Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.

<sup>10</sup>Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

<sup>11</sup>Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.

In this passage, we see the nation of Israel celebrating that, even though they waver in their commitment to God, He is faithful. This passage is a wonderful song of praise and thanksgiving because God has once again blessed his people.

What strikes me is how grand this celebration is! We read that David taught Asaph and his associates how to give praise to God. They were to use lyres and harps, cymbals and trumpets! This song of praise builds up to verse 34, where we read: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

What can we learn from those words? We, too, are called to give thanks to the Lord our God. And how should we give thanks? Notice how David does it: he celebrates joyfully, singing and dancing before the Lord. David was **all in**. He held nothing back.

I invite you, as we worship, to be **all in**! Hold nothing back! I once had a speaker say to a group of worshipers (in reference to the song "I have the joy...down in my heart): "If you have the joy in your heart, can you let your faces know?" As I lead in worship, it is my prayer that I am **all in**—that my posture reflects the joy of knowing God and experiencing His grace and goodness in my life. As we continue to grow in faith, may God move us to be **all in** as we worship Him together!

## Our Church Family

**Susan Byker** continues her recovery from recent surgery. She is now able to use a walker applying no more than 50% of her weight. Please continue to keep Susan and Gaylen in your prayers over the next 3 months.

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

## Community Announcements

### Help! Christian Education Fund

The Christian Education Fund ended the year at a **\$27,000 deficit**. You can still give to this fund for another week. If we don't receive enough money, the fund will no longer be available to the Second Church families who want a Christian Education for their children.

### Mobile Food Truck, July 17, 2024

On Wednesday, July 17, we will again offer drive thru pick-up. Recipients will stay in their vehicles, and prepared allotments of food will be placed in their cars. Thankfully, we can serve our community with this vital food resource that is needed more than ever. Volunteers are needed - please sign up by emailing Audra Powell (audrascott@hotmail.com) or on the sheet on the literature ledge. Please arrive by 4:15 to help.



### Bible League

I hoped you enjoyed the letter you received about Pastor Tshabalala in South Africa and feel that same sense of urgency to share God's Word. Prayerfully consider giving so others can know about Jesus through Bible League. Kindly respond on or before July 31. Thank you for making an eternal difference.

### Summer Cookies Sign-up

Our summer cookie signup for Sunday mornings is now available online. If you are able to bake (or buy!) 6 or 12 dozen treats for Sunday mornings we are asking you to click on the link and signup for a date. Thanks for making our Sunday mornings extra sweet!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-49138606-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.

### Prayer Corner

Thank God for this great country that He has given to us. Pray for the United States of America and her leaders and people. Pray that we will, as a nation, will turn to God in honest prayers of confession and repentance and cry out to God to heal our land and turn us toward Him.

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

if my people who are called by my name humble themselves,  
and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,  
then I will hear from heaven  
and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

### My Country 'Tis of Thee

Francis Scott Smith

My country 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love.  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture fills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song.  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our father's God to, Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King!

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