

SECOND'S MATTERS

November 13, 2024



**Second Church
of Fremont**

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

Sunday, November 17

Rev. Brian Bosscher will be leading us in worship. The sermon Sunday is "Why Worry When You Can Seek Him?" based on Matthew 6:25-24. The children will take a noisy coin offering for World Renew DRS – Hurricane Helene. The greeters are Al and Bette Wagenmaker

Sunday, November 17 – Evening Community Worship Service at First CRC at 5pm

"Hey church family!

We are nearing the thanksgiving holiday and so I thought I would take a moment this week to say a few things about gratitude and giving thanks.

First, we give thanks in all circumstances. Some of you are going through really hard things this season. Give thanks. Some of you are having a wonderful time this season. Give thanks.

Second, being grateful is a way in which we demonstrate the Spirit's work in our hearts and lives. Remember that when speaking to people around you in your day to day life, especially those who don't yet know Jesus or those who are newer in their faith journey. Your gratitude will show them what a life lived well in Christ looks like.

Third, we are a family. Every year for many the thought of where to have thanksgiving brings anxiety. Do we go to your parents house or mine, do we have the meal at home, will all the kids come home, who's cleaning up all the dishes, do we have enough seats, etc? I would challenge each of you with this thought, you are part of a larger Church family; within Second Church but also well beyond the borders of this building. Is there another seat needed at your table for someone who doesn't have family around them, or for someone who feels especially lost this time of year due to loss.

Fourth, We are having a church thanksgiving meal after the service on the 24th that I really believe is one of the most important things we will do this year. There is much discord over all that's happened this year and the best way to be unified is to gather for a meal. Please make it a priority to attend.

Last, We are having a Thanksgiving Day service at 9:30am on the 28th. I know that there will be so much going on that day for many of you and would just challenge you to stop rushing, slow down together with your brothers and sisters in Christ, and worship Him for all that you have to be grateful for.

In Service to the King,

-Adam"

Our Church Family

Please keep Marilyn Wever and her family in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for healing for **Tim Boeskool** who has returned home.

Please continue to pray for Doug Hamming, Charlie and Melanie DeKryger's son-in-law. Doug is in treatment for cancer. Pray for effectiveness of the treatment and peace for Doug and his family.

Please pray for those who have lost loved ones in the past year as we begin the holiday season.

Community Announcements

ARO Shoeboxes

There are still shoeboxes to be filled for Appalachia Reach Out in Inez, KY. Grab one or more and have fun filling them. Be sure to pick up a gift tag to be taped on the top of your filled and wrapped box. There is also a list of suggested items. Boxes need to be returned to church before November 24 because we hope to pray over the boxes and the children who will be receiving them during the service on the 24th. Have fun and bring joy to a child by filling a shoebox for ARO.



All Church Thanksgiving Dinner, November 24

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 24, at 11:30. We will be serving ham and rolls and ask that you bring a side of salad, vegetable, or dessert. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the table in the foyer so we can plan how much to buy and number of tables and chairs to set up.

From the Library

The cover for the DVD "A Song for the Season" was returned to the library recently without the DVD. If you have it at home please place it in the return box on the library shelf. Thank you!

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/10C0A4CA9AE2FABFC1-52205205-cookie#/> If you have any technical difficulties, please contact Stephanie 231-414-5141.



Stock the Pantry

For November the requested food items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, rice. 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: November 17 - Hand2Hand
November 24 – WMCHS*

Prayer Corner

More than a third of the 150 psalms in the Bible are psalms of lament. Some are individual in nature while others are for an entire community. Psalms of lament are songs and poems in which the psalmist cries out to God during difficult times. He asks God to intervene on his behalf and his petitions often give way to expressions of deep trust in God to respond in his favor. Joy, hope and renewal are often the outcomes.

We need to remember that our God is not a distant, uncaring, aloof Father. He hears our cries—and the psalmist knows this, too. God can handle our anger and our childish ways when we're impatient or upset when things don't move as we would like or at the speed we would like. At its core, lamenting is an act of faith, as we turn in faith to God who is in fact the only One to whom we can turn. When we lament, we acknowledge that God is everything. We call out to Him knowing He is there and we know He has a plan—even when we cannot see His plan or understand His workings.

For your prayerful meditation consider these selected verses of lament:
Psalm 10: 16-17

The Lord is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land. You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry...
Psalm 42: 7, 11

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
Psalm 86: 2-4

Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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