

March 24, 2024

Morning Worship

CALLED AND GATHERED

Prelude
Welcome
The Palm Sunday Story: Matthew 21: 1-11
Song: **King of Kings vs 1-4**
Palm Sunday Children’s Processional
*God’s Greeting and Greet One Another
*Song: **Behold Our God vs 1-3**

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: First offering Benevolent Fund; second offering General Fund
Song: **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus vs 1-4**
Children’s Message
[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children’s Worship]
*Song: **O Praise the Name vs 1-4**

WORD

Scripture: *Proverbs 29:11*
Series: 7 Deadly Sins
Message: **Anger**
Prayer

SENT

*Benediction
*Song: **What the Lord Has Done in Me**
*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave
Accompanist: Kim Byker
Worship Team: Kenna Caryl, Breanne Cook, Avery Dekker, Andrea Matthyse
Children’s Message: Linda Horstman

*Congregation stands if able

Welcome!

If you have a prayer request or you would like to know more about us, please fill out the Welcome Card and place in one of the Connection boxes as you leave the sanctuary.
To view our services online go to: firstchurchdudsonville.org and click the link at the top of the page.

THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Proverbs 29:11 Series: 7 Deadly Sins Message: **Anger** Sin grows best in the dark. But sin that is exposed to the light of God’s Word wilts. This morning we wrap up this series by putting anger under the spotlight of God’s Truth. We’ll see how anger can destroy relationships as well as our spiritual well-being. We’ll also discover how to remedy ungodly anger and move into healthier relationships with God and others.
First offering: Benevolent Fund; second offering: General Fund
PM: Philippians 2: 12-18 Series: Sound Doctrine: Understanding and Living What We Believe Message: **Become What You Are** In this message, we’ll learn together how we can grow in Christian maturity so that we, more and more, take on the likeness of Christ. Offering: Harmony Communities

MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service, Thursday, March 28, 7 PM. As we journey through the season of Lent, we invite you to come together for a special Maundy Thursday Worship Service. This will be a time to deepen our understanding of Christ’s sacrificial love, celebrate the Lord’s Supper together, and prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross and empty tomb.

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday

8:15 AM: Sunrise Service at Georgetown Cemetery [Followed by a Continental breakfast in the church basement]
9:30 AM: Luke 24: 1-12 Message: **Wonder of Wonders!** First offering: Capital Improvement; second offering: General Fund
5:00 PM: Matthew 28: 11-15 Message: **Another Report** Join us as guest pastor Rev. Jake Weeda leads us in worship. Offering: Harmony Communities

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** meets after morning service.
- **Adult Sunday Education** meets after morning service.
- **Men’s Prayer Group**, Tuesday 26th, 7:00PM.
- **Maundy Thursday Service**, Thursday 28th, 7PM.

Evening offerings for the month of **March** will go to Harmony Communities.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders and Deacons after being selected were installed for Council 2024-2027, **Elders** – Jeff Persenaire, Bill Brouwer; **Deacons** – John Bosscher, Mike Krikke, Jake Horstman. At the organizational meeting Bill Brouwer, Jeff Persenaire, Mike Krikke and Jake Horstman will be in the Pastoral Council. John Bosscher will be in the Administrative Council.

Special thanks to our retiring Elders and Deacons. Elders – Mark Byker, Doug Krikke; Deacons – Brad VanDragt, Levi Schut, Joe Persenaire.

FIRST CRC NEW MEMBER CLASS If you want to become a member of First CRC or simply have questions about our ministry, we invite you to our next *New Member Class!* This 2-session class will meet on Sunday, April 7 and Sunday, April 14 after the morning worship service. To reserve your spot, contact Pastor Dave.

Sunday Adult Education on the book of 1 Peter - Sunday mornings, 11 a.m., in the Upstairs Fellowship room. Everyone is welcome. No books or pre-reading; just show up! Leader: Pastor Marc VanBerkum

Women's Bible Study - our last day will be March 26. We will not be meeting on March 19 or April 2 as previously scheduled. We will be covering Lessons 11 and 12 that evening.

Today is the last day of Sunday School and Catechism. What a great year of learning more about God's Word! A special thank you to all the teachers and song leaders who made it another great season!

Pop! “Cards for a Cause” orders can be picked up in the fellowship area after service today.

Young Adults (18-35): April 12 from 7-9pm First Hudsonville CRC will be hosting a worship night! It will consist of about a 45 minute gathering filled with singing along with some prayer and scripture reading. Following will be a time of fellowship! We will be serving cookies and if the weather is nice there might be some yard games! The surrounding churches are invited as well! Please sign up using the QR code on the flyer if you would like to use our nursery services so we know about how many people we will need! We are also looking for a piano player to accompany our other musicians! If you are interested in playing with us please let Alyssa Horstman know! Thank you!

Questions? Contact Alyssa Horstman (616) 581-0544 or Riley Keegstra (616) 283-5113

Do you like to bake? Young adults is hosting a worship night April 12 and are looking for people to donate cookies or other baked goods for this event! Anybody can donate you don't have to be in young adults! Please sign up at the welcome center! Questions? Contact Alyssa Horstman at (616) 581-0544

March Missionary Highlight: The Gemmen Family, InnerChange Missions

Prayer requests:

Praise - being allowed into Mel Trotter once a week to interact with the unhoused.

- having an intern work alongside with the unhoused in the downtown area.

Request - Doors will be opened for the gospel with the downtown unhoused population.

- Lisa learns her leadership role with the Staff Care and Development team.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Kendra Bouma, Rochelle Kuyper, Cora Hoezee

Next Sunday: Tammy Schnyders, Cassie Helms, Mariah Matthysse

Ushers for March:

AM: Jim Plooster, Keith Rillema, Rog Spoelma, Rog Van Loo

PM: Dale VandeGriend, Jack Vugteveen, Adam Westmaas

Coffee Server: This Week: Ann Sterk

Next Week: Judi Woodwyk

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Concerns and Praises:

- We extend our Christian care and sympathy to the family of **Joyce Feenstra** who entered glory last Sunday, March 17. We give thanks for Joyce's life of faith and service.
 - We express our Christian sympathy to **Arlene Krikke** and her family in the sudden loss last week of Arlene's sister, Norma, and niece, Karen. May God give comfort to all who mourn.
 - **Jim Schreur** will have knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, March 27
- Shut-ins: Juliana DeYoung, Gert Holwerda, Arlene Krikke, Elmer Hoffman.**

If you have any needs or prayer requests, please contact your Care Group Elder/Deacon or Pastor Dave.

Our Prayer Coordinator, Tammy Schnyders, produces a monthly prayer sheet, “Partners in Prayer”, sends out prayer emails, and regularly updates the Praise and Prayer Line [669.5548]. If you have a prayer need contact Pastor Dave, your Care Group Elder, or Tammy Schnyders.

A very warm thank you for the wonderful birthday cards and verbal greetings. It is great to belong to such a caring church. - **Myrt Steenwyk**

Thank You - I would like to thank Pastor Dave and Jack Huisman for the visits and contacts and the church family for all the prayers, cards and concerns during and after my left shoulder replacement surgery. All went well and healing is going great. God is good! - **Jim VanHill**

Positive Options would like to thank our congregation for their generosity in donating all the wonderful crib items and for turning in \$772.81 in the baby bottles! Your gifts will help us support those in need of life saving information and help! Thank you!!

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: The Not-So-Triumphal Entry - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Ever wonder why Jesus chose to ride a donkey? By selecting a donkey, he declared that he was there to get to work—God's work—and he wasn't threatening anyone. Donkeys aren't flashy. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Community Good Friday Service: Seventh Reformed Church invites you to our 54th annual service on March 29, 12:00-3PM in which seven local pastors will each preach from one of the last seven words of the cross. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the service. Refreshments following the service. (950 Leonard St. NW, Grand Rapids)

Job Opening - Part time Administrative Assistant: Immanuel CRC is looking to fill the Administrative Assistant position. Responsibilities include: Office management, Recordkeeping, Publications, Staff Support, etc. Accounting/Payroll experience a plus but not required. For more information, contact Allen Vedders, chair of Administrative Committee at avedders@att.net

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Simply Give - Hudsonville Meijer is partnering with Love for Simply Give. Want to help fill Love's food pantry? Grab a Simply Give Card and head to the Hudsonville Meijer. Scan the Simply Give card at the Meijer checkout for \$10 and Meijer will MATCH your donation. That \$20 goes directly to Love Your Neighbor's Food Pantry. Can't head to Meijer? Give online through this link: <https://bit.ly/lovesimplygive24>

Annual Pickleball Event - May 18 is Love Your Neighbor's 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament in Hudsonville! Sign up to play or consider sponsoring this unique, local event to raise funds for local families in Love Your Neighbor's Life Skills Programs. Sign up to play: <https://bit.ly/pickleballwithlove24>

March 24, 2024 - Evening Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Song: **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling vs 1, 2, 4**

*God's Greeting

*Confession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God #39

*Song: **Mighty to Save vs 1-2**

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