

Morning Worship

GATHER

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Song: **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above vs 1, 2, 4**

Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.

*God's Greeting and Greet One Another

*Song: **Mighty to Save**

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.

Welcome New Members: Reid and Marguerite Smeda

Ministry Update: Kids Hope

PRAYER

International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

[Children ages 2-4 are invited to Children's Worship]

*Song: **Goodness of God vs 1&2**

I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me. All my days I've been held in Your hands.

WORD

Scripture: *2 Samuel 9*

Message: ***The King's Table***

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **His Mercy is More**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment His life was the cost.

*Postlude and Christian Fellowship

Pastor Dave
Organist: Kim Persenaire
Prayer: Steve Snow

Scripture Reader: Jeff Brinks
Piano: Kim Byker

*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: firstcrchudsonville.org and click the link at the top of the page.*

THIS SUNDAY:

AM: 2 Samuel 9 Message: ***The King's Table*** Dinner tables are usually places of warmth, welcome and wonderful memories. Although, they can also be places where one feels awkward and alienated. How do you think you'd feel if you were invited to the table of a king? Offering: Pregnancy Resource Center

PM: Romans 8:28-30 Series: Sound Doctrine Message: ***Very Superstitious*** Are you superstitious? You know, black cats, broken mirrors, and Friday the 13th kind of stuff. Many Christians veer from biblical faith into silly superstition. Join us next Sunday evening as we explore what the Bible teaches about luck and superstition. Offering: First CRC Safe Families

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE: Thursday, November 23, 9:30 a.m. *"Be joyful always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Join us this Thanksgiving Day for a joyful, musical, and inspirational time of thanksgiving to God. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper during this worship service. Offering: Jehovah Jireh

NEXT WEEK:

AM: Ephesians 1: 15-23 Message: ***Jesus Is King!*** The season of Advent and Christmas is just around the corner. Next week we will be reminded that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger – it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be Prince of Peace. Offering: Upward Bound

PM: Acts 2: 14-28 Series: Sound Doctrine Message: ***Signs and Wonders*** Do you believe in miracles? Is talk of "signs and wonders" a relic of primitive thinking? Are miracles possible and have they ever happened? Next Sunday evening we'll open God's Word and explore these questions together. Offering: First CRC Safe Families

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday School and Catechism** - after morning worship.
- **Sunday Adult Education** - after morning worship.
- **Pop! Snr High** - Sunday, November 19, 6:00PM
- **Full Council Meeting** - Monday, November 20, 7:00PM
- **Ladies' Bible Study** - Tuesday, November 21, 7:00PM
- **Thanksgiving Day Worship** - Thursday, November 23, 9:30AM

Evening offerings for the month of **November** will go to First CRC Safe Families. Offerings may be placed in the boxes located at the sanctuary entrances.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Security Team Volunteers needed - The security team needs a few more members to assist during worship services. If you would like to be involved with the security of our facility, please contact Jeff Horstman or Dave Williams. Training will be available on December 13 & 20.

Young at Heart Fall Luncheon - Please join us on Wednesday, November 29th at 11:30 in the church narthex. A hot meal will be served and Heritage Christian School 2nd grade students will present a program at 12:30 in the sanctuary. Please bring a canned good or donation for Jehovah Jireh. All newcomers are welcome including visitors!

GEMS Poinsettia Pick Up - GEMS poinsettia orders will be here on Friday, November 24 at 1PM. Pick up can be on Friday or Sunday November 26.

Cadet Pancake Breakfast - Come join us at Immanuel CRC for a Cadet Pancake Breakfast on December 2nd, 8:00 am to 11:00 am. This will be a fundraiser for the boys. We hope to see you all there. Thanks.

Our missionaries, Tim & Angie Sliedrecht, are working with International Friendships, a ministry that provides life-changing hospitality and friendship to international students at local universities/colleges. Many of these students come from warmer climates than Michigan and are in need of winter clothes. Would you help us show them the love of Jesus by donating new or gently used warm winter coats, hats, gloves, and/or boots? You can drop them off in the labeled box in the foyer until November 26.

Photos needed - Our church website is in the process of being upgraded to a newer version. If you are a leader of a group, please take a photo of your group and email them to info@firstcrchudsonville.org. Contact Cheri Huisman with questions.

Peter Fish Update: Thank you! Through your generous giving, we collected \$994 to help World Renew in the campaign against world hunger. Thank you for your support!

Prayer for Persecuted Christians: Christianity is reportedly growing in China, with some estimates putting the number of Chinese Christians at over 70 million. In recent years persecution by China's ruling Communist Party has also intensified. Church attendance and religious instruction for anyone under 18 are prohibited. Access to Bibles is severely restricted, as is Christian content on the Internet. The authorities have stepped up efforts to disrupt the house churches in which many Chinese Christians worship. Some Christian leaders have been imprisoned or forcibly disappeared. This month as many American churches mark the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, we should remember and pray for our fellow Christians who suffer persecution in China and elsewhere. Steve Snow (snow2@erols.com; 616-209-5656), who worked on religious freedom for the U.S. State Department (<https://www.state.gov/about-us-office-of-international-religious-freedom/>) and the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (<https://www.uscirf.gov/>), welcomes questions on religious persecution and on efforts to promote religious freedom around the world.

Scrap Metal and Pop Can Fundraisers - Items may be placed in the shed located on the east end of church's garage. Recyclable metal is collected for our Capital Improvement fund. This year to date we have collected \$237.21. Refundable pop cans are collected for the Freedom Boys of Uganda that the Sliedrecht's support. To date this year, we have collected \$468.70. That's 4,687 cans!! Thank you for your continuing support.

Nursery: The Nursery is open for morning services.

This Week: Alissa Stuive, Andrea Matthyse, Hazel Laansma

Thanksgiving: Tammy Schnyders, Ella Stuive, Aubrey Palmbos, Brinley Cook

Next Sunday: Cheryl Brouwer, Kendra Bouma, Jenna Palmbos

Ushers for November:

AM: Blake Timmer, Dale Vande Griend, Brett Wassink, Adam Westmaas

PM: Ben Bouma, Bill Brouwer, Kyle Brouwer

Coffee Server: This Week: Gayle Rillema

Next Week: Sylvia Aukeman

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

A Birthday to Remember! Happy birthday to **Ron Driesenga**, who celebrates his birthday on Thursday, November 23!

We joyfully welcome **Reid and Marguerite Smeda** into the fellowship of First Hudsonville CRC. Their address is 423 Green Ridge Dr SE Caledonia, MI 49316. Reid's cell is (616) 469-6275; Marguerite's cell is (616) 307-0523.

Concerns and Praises:

- We express our sympathy to **Charlie and Julia Elgersma** in the passing of Charlie's sister, Jean Kimm. May our gracious God comfort all who mourn.
- **Jack Vugteveen** had carpal tunnel surgery two weeks ago and will have surgery on the other wrist this Tuesday.
- **Tatum Matthyse**, son of Jamie and Samantha, had heart surgery last week.

Shut-ins: Sharon Walters, Dan Bloem, Andy Machiela, and Bob & Marie Heyboer.

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.

Steve and Betty Velderman would like to thank our family at First church for the prayers, cards, meals and all the help cleaning the church during my surgery and recuperation. And thanks to Pastor Dave for all his visits and prayers. And thanks to God for all the healing and blessings. Great is thy Faithfulness.

FROM THE DENOMINATION

Kids Corner: Daily Gratitude - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Take a moment to try this exercise: In five seconds, name five things that you are thankful for. Ready? Three... two... one... go! This week's devotion is about being thankful. Why be thankful? Because it helps us to see God at work in our lives every day. Gratitude gives joy to both God and us! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Attitude of Gratitude."

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

New City Kids Christmas Bash – First CRC's Mission Impact guests New City Kids is hosting a Christmas bash called Rooted in Love on Wednesday, December 6 at GLC 20 Monroe Live (11 Ottawa Ave NW, Grand Rapids). Social hour starts at 5:30PM and the show starts at 7:00PM. Tickets for this can be purchased at newcitykids.org/rooted

Zutphen's 5th Annual Holly Jolly Christmas Market will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm! Mark your calendar to attend a festive day of shopping unique handcrafted, and home business finds, live Christmas trees, winter porch pots, and more! Also included are raffle prizes, lunch, and a hot cocoa bar! All proceeds will go toward the Zutphen Youth Mission trip to Guatemala! Holly Jolly Christmas Market is located at Zutphen Christian Reformed Church 3223 40th Ave. Hudsonville.

Unity Christian High School is proud to present the musical *Holiday Inn*. Performances are scheduled for 7pm on November 30 and December 1 and at 5pm on December 2. Performances will take place at the Hudsonville High School Auditorium on Allen Street. This is a show all ages will love! Tickets are on sale for \$8 each. All tickets are sold online on our website (www.unitychristian.org) under "Parent Resources." You are able to pick your own seats and pay online.

FROM LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Volunteer Opportunities at Love Your Neighbor

- Pickup & Delivery (those with trucks are highly encouraged!)
- Small Appliance Test & Repair
- Store Cashiers
- Shoe volunteers in Treasure's Resale Shop
- Volunteers to sort and price donations before they go to the Outback Store
- Test and Repair Ministry (Training is provided!)
- Landscape volunteers for the Hudsonville Campus

November 19, 2023 - Evening Service

GATHER

Prelude

Welcome and Call To Worship

*Song: **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise vs 1, 3, 4**

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light.

*God's Greeting

*Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27

*Song: **Children of the Heavenly Father vs 1-4**

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever.

PRAYER

Congregational Prayer

Song: **Like a River Glorious vs 2**

WORD

Series: Sound Doctrine – Understanding and Living What We Believe

Scripture: *Romans 8:28-30*

Message: **Very Superstitious**

Prayer

SENT

*Benediction

*Song: **Father, Long Before Creation vs 1, 2, 4**

Father, long before creation You had chosen us in love.

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