

## Opportunities to Serve

	Today – February 15	Next Sunday – February 22
<b>Coffee/Juice/Tea Servers</b>	Marv Hooyer Corinne Hentges Jeff Heldt Katie Haan Isaiah & Sarah deRegt	Rich & Linda Haan Andrew & Justean Ter Haar Trayle & Brianna Kats
<b>Greeters AM</b>	Matt & Nicole Roghair Joel & Krista Sikkema	Brad & Libby Van Bruggen Glen & Anita Van Bruggen
<b>PM</b>	Leendert & Soyen van Beek Eldon & Wilma Vander Berg	Cody & Erika Vander Berg Matt & Kelli Van Roekel
<b>Upstairs</b>	Jim & Glenda Bos	John & Janna Wesselius
<b>Sound</b>	Dale Vander Berg	Trent Geleynse
<b>Video</b>	Brian Vander Berg	Isaiah deRegt
<b>Power Point</b>	Darlene Reichert	Phil Van Maanen
<b>Ushers</b>	Nelvin Brons, Jevon, Levi, and Addie Groenewold	Nelvin Brons, Jevon, Levi, and Addie Groenewold
<b>Rover</b>	Eric Eekhoff	John Thompson
<b>Children &amp; Worship</b>	Teacher: Krista S Helpers: Anastasia F, Sophia F	Teacher: Krista S Helpers: Kyler K, Cora VT
<b>Nursery</b>	A.M.	P.M.
	Bonnie DS Cathy F Kyler K	Eileen B Krista S Terran S
	Kathy P Jana L Malia K	Lindsey F Brittney K Avery F
<b>INFANTS &amp; TODDLERS are welcome to come to the Toddler nursery.</b>		
<b>Bus Driver/Asst</b>	Loren De Stigter Garret Visser	Phil De Stigter Joe Van Schouwen
<b>Weekend Janitors</b>	Dean & Darlene Reichert	Tim & Mel Klein
<b>PM Prayer Leader</b>	Isaiah deRegt	Jon Buiter
<b>Wednesday Night Meals</b>	<b>Feb. 18- Serving:</b> Tami K, Marsha M, Heidi O, Karen T <b>Cleanup:</b> Jeff H, Trent G, Andrew H, Tim K	<b>Feb. 25- Serving:</b> Tracy E, Sandy DG, Anita VB, Christina B <b>Cleanup:</b> Aaron F, Jerry DG, Dale VB, Phil VM

<b>Ash Wednesday Service February 18 – 6:30PM</b>	
<b>Sound</b>	Matt Van Roekel
<b>Video</b>	Cheney Vander Berg
<b>Power Point</b>	Phil Van Maanen
<b>Rover</b>	Wes Kroeze
<b>Nursery</b>	Liz VM, Sarah S, Hailey K

Reminder! You can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving anytime at <https://www.firstcrc.com/give-online/>.



**SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD**  
Sunday Worship: 9:30am and 6:00pm

Rev. Kurt Monroe, Pastor

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**Welcome to First CRC** as we praise the Lord for all the blessings of his grace! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us regularly. Please join us for coffee, tea, juice, and fellowship after our morning service in the fellowship hall. Two tables are set up near the fireplace in the fellowship hall for senior members who would like to sit during their fellowship time.

### *Worship Notes ~ Sunday, February 15, 2026*

Our worship service this morning will be led by Rev. Kurt Monroe. This evening we welcome Rev. Jesse Walhof as he opens God's Word to us.

A Children and Worship program is provided for children 3-5 years of age during the morning service. Children of visiting families are welcome! Our helpers will greet the children in the back of the sanctuary and lead them to our worship center. Parents are asked to pick up their children after the service in Room 8 upstairs.

Our offerings for February 15 are designated for the Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, Denominational Pledge, and Her Health Women's Center.

### *Announcements*

**College students are welcome to join in a Sermon Discussion group** which meets in the **upper level of our south ministry building from 11am to 12pm** on Sundays during our church education season. College students are also invited to a lunch served today after the sermon discussion.

**Reminder:** There will be no Sunday School classes this morning, February 15.

**We are encouraged to refrain from handshaking for a time** due to the current cold and flu season.

**Marsha Meyer will be filling in at the church office Tuesday through Thursday this week.** Please plan ahead for her availability.

**Don't miss our Wednesday Night Meal this week!** Our menu includes: Sloppy Jo sandwich, pizza, lettuce salad, fruit, chips, and ice cream. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family is appreciated. Serving is from **5-6:15pm**. Please note this updated serving time since the Ash Wednesday service follows the meal.

All are warmly invited to join us for an **Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 18.** This quiet, meditative service inaugurates the season of Lent by reminding us of our mortality and need for repentance, but also of the forgiveness offered us in Christ and our assurance of eternal life in him. We will be singing, hearing from Scripture, spending time in confession and silence, and those who wish may receive the traditional sign of the cross in ashes.

**The Lenten Devotionals are IN!** Check your mailbox for a booklet written by First CRC people for First CRC people. Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry. It is a beautiful resource filled with biblical insights. Extra copies are available at the info center. Here's to a blessed Lenten journey! -Kendra & Amy

Deb Hulstein stepped back from being the **Care Group Coordinator** at the end of December. The council is grateful for her 10 years of dedicated service in that role and now encourages other members of the congregation to prayerfully consider serving in this capacity. A description of the position is available through the church office, and any other questions can be directed to Phil Van Maanen or Kevin Timmer. Interested individuals are asked to submit their name to Glenda Bos by February 28, 2026.

### *Church Family*

We extend our Christian sympathy to Isaiah & Sarah deRegt as Isaiah's grandmother, Henny deRegt of Abbotsford BC, passed away on February 7.

Scott Visser had a heart procedure on Tuesday, February 10, and returned home.

Congratulations to Drew & Ambra (Coon) De Vries who were united in marriage here at First Church on February 14!

Membership Updates:

-We warmly welcome Paul & Kim Brenner to our First Church family!

-Emily (Zuidema) Vande Voort transferred her membership to Second CRC, Lynden, Washington.

### *Prayer Requests*

Please pray for the following homebound members this week: Cody Bultman, Dorothy Nibbelink, Shirley Sybesma, and Dinah Ter Horst.

Members to pray for the week of February 15: Lisa Miedema; Laurie Miller; Curt & LeeAnn Moerman; Ana Monroe; Iain Monroe.

The Outreach Committee would like the congregation to pray for Arbin & Bimala Pokharel.

This week please be in prayer for God's blessings on the Centerpoint Church and the ministry of Pastors Jamie Dykstra and Chris Godfredsen.

*Youth Group* February 18- No Youth Group | February 25- Connexions

*ETM (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders)* February 15- We meet here tonight at 7:30pm.

### *Thank You*

We would like to thank our church family for the prayers, cards, texts, emails, and food since my shoulder surgery. Your kindness is truly amazing. ~Jan & Joan van Vliet

### *ReFrame Ministries*

**Kids Corner Devotions: Shalom: The Peace of God** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Discover how you can feel calm and brave even when life feels stormy, just like when Jesus brought peace in the middle of crashing waves. Learn how God's special kind of peace fits everything together like a perfect puzzle and fills your heart with joy and purpose! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

**Groundwork: When Forgiveness is Complicated** - How do I forgive myself? What if someone died before I could offer them forgiveness? Can I even forgive someone who is not sorry? Join Groundwork as we study 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, Micah 7:18-19, Luke 17:3-4, 1 Peter 2:21-23, Psalm 62:5-8, and Philippians 4:6-7 to see how Scripture helps us address the hard questions that arise when life situations make forgiveness complicated. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Bulletin Reminder: If you have something to submit for a weekly bulletin, please send it to the church office, [office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com), no later than 10:30AM on Thursdays.

*What's Happening This Week (February 15 – February 22)*

<b>Today</b>	8:30am	Adult Choir – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund, Christian Education Fund, and Denominational Pledge.
	10:45am	Christian Education Committee Meeting – Office
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Ministry Bldg
	12:00pm	College Student Lunch – Upper Level Ministry Building
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Jesse Walhof, with an offering for Her Health Women's Center.
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30pm	ETM – Upper Level Ministry Building
	9:30am	Grandmother's Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	12:00pm	College/Career Moms in Prayer Group – Fireside Room
	6:45pm	Cadet Shop night for pinewood derby cars
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30am	Men's Life Bible Study – Council Room
	1:30pm	Rebroadcast of AM Worship Service on Channel 12
	<b>5-6:15pm</b>	Wednesday Night Meal – Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe
	6:30pm	Women's Bible Conversations – Fireside Room
	6:45pm	Cadet Shop night for pinewood derby cars
	7:00pm	Friendship Bible Class – Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	2-4pm	Cadet Shop for pinewood derby cars
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30am	Adult Choir – Sanctuary
	9:30am	Morning worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, with an offering for Ministry Fund and Christian Education Fund.
	10:45am	Church Education
	11:00am	Women's Sermon Discussion – Room 3
	11:00am	Adult Sunday School – Council Room
	11:00am	College Sermon Discussion – Upper South Ministry Bldg
	6:00pm	Evening worship service led by Rev. Kurt Monroe, including the participation of the Unity Knightsounds, with an offering for Building and Mission Funds.

*Family Visiting for Monday, March 2, 2026*

Elder Tim Klein	6:30pm	Jean Arkema
	7:30pm	Matt & Kelli Van Roekel
	8:30pm	Jerome De Stigter
Elder Jason Koelewyn	6:30pm	Andrew & Justean Ter Haar
	7:30pm	Ron & Bruce Roghair
	8:30pm	Gladyce Nyhof
Elder Ron De Groot	6:30pm	Evelyn Vis
	7:30pm	Ivan & Alice Groothuis
	8:30pm	Phil & Bonnie De Stigter
Elder Jan van Vliet	6:30pm	Daniel & Abby Finley
	7:30pm	David & Christina Brommer
	8:30pm	Kevin & Karen Timmer
<i>Church members are encouraged to contact their care group elder anytime they have a need.</i>		



**Hearing Assistance:** Please ask a sound booth operator for a receiver device.