

THE WEEKLY

First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit

October 21, 2018

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 21

Series: Stewards of God's Grace

Text: Colossians 3:23-24

Title: *Talents and Work*

New Members Sunday

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Choir

Offering: God's Kids

October 28

Series: Stewards of God's Grace

Text: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Title: *Treasure or Trust?*

Offering: Hesed Community Church

November 4

Series: Called and Equipped: The Book of Daniel

Text: Daniel 1:1-8; 17-20

Title: *In the Service of the King*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Choir

Offering: Mission Partners

November 11

Series: Called and Equipped: The Book of Daniel

Text: Daniel 2:1-6, 11-16, 26-28, 31-45, 48-49

Title: *The Impossible Dream*

Offering: Community Assistance Program

Have something for The Weekly? Please submit it to connect@firstcrcdetroit.org no later than **5:00pm Wednesday**.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members: Today we welcome to full membership Mike, Laurie, Ellie, Jack and William M., and Fred and Sheri S. If you are interested in formalizing your membership at First Church, or would like to know more, please contact the church office (connect@firstcrcdetroit.org) or Pastor Ben (ben.vanarragon@gmail.com).

Member Assistance: We hope to support and encourage Rick and Ellen Z. following Ellen's back surgery by bringing meals, doing housework, and making visits. Please visit the [SignupGenius page](#) to volunteer to help!

2019 Volunteer Forms: This Sunday is the last day to turn in your 2019 volunteer form. If you would like to change your current volunteer capacities, or sign up as a new volunteer, please return the form via email or to the box in the foyer. If you do not submit a form your sign-ups will remain the same as they currently are. Contact Church Administrator Elissa Malefyt (connect@firstcrcdetroit.org) if you have any questions.

Mission Partners Potluck: Please plan to join us on Sunday, November 4, for our annual Mission Partners potluck after worship. We will enjoy lunch together and learn more about First Church's ministry partners. Stay tuned for the Signup Genius for the food!

MINISTRIES AT FIRST

Today's Special Offering is for God's Kids: God's Kids Early Learning Center provides both preschool and daycare services. A ministry of First Church, God's Kids recognizes that all children are created in God's image and so strives to guide them in their spiritual, emotional, academic, social and physical growth and development.

Dear First CRC: With deep gratitude, we want to thank you for demonstrating your tremendous love and support by partnering with us in the Lord's call to Kenya. It was a wonderful blessing, and we're amazed by your generosity! We are excited to be a part of what the Lord is doing in His Church overseas, and we will keep you updated with the stories of His faithfulness along the way! Love, Scott, Cindy, Clare & Sam Malefyt

Community Assistance Program: CAP is collecting canned meats and canned vegetables in September and October. Please put the items in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support!

CAP is also in need of gently used fall clothing for children to adults, men and women. The collection is continuous so place your donations in the box in the gathering space at any time.

Current Sermon Series: We begin a new ministry year with a sermon series entitled "Stewards of God's Grace". In this series we will consider the identity and calling of Christians, and contemplate the true nature of the Christian faith. Christians are, at heart, recipients *and* conduits of God's grace. Join us on Sunday mornings to learn more about what that means.

Sanctuary Artwork: The banner for our sermon series, *Stewards of God's Grace*, was created by congregational artist Marian L. In the Christian church, water is a symbol of God's love and life made available through the Holy Spirit. In this banner, water represents God's blessings being received by an outstretched hand. The concept of stewardship is conveyed by the water's continued flow. Generous gifts from God flow through us as we minister to others.

Bible Study: For 2018, our Bible study focus has been the One Year Bible reading plan. With an investment of fifteen minutes daily, you can read the entire Bible in a year. The One Year Bible daily reading schedule is available in print at church, or as a PDF attached to the Weekly email. You can also access it online at oneyearbibleonline.com. To discuss what you're reading, consider joining one of our Bible study groups:

- Monday, 7:00am, Panera Bread in the Village
- Tuesday, 7:30pm, Pastor's Study

If you have questions; would like to join a study; or would like to start your own Bible study group, please contact Pastor Ben.

Support for People in Job Transition: First Church is a member of "Eastside Take Control", a local organization devoted to equipping and supporting those recovering from job loss and looking for work. If you are looking for support during your job transition process, or want to know more about ETC, please contact Pastor Ben (313-443-5446; ben.vanarragon@gmail.com).

Inquiries about Facility Use: Any individual or committee that would like to use the church building for a one-time event can send a request to the church email account (connect@firstcrcdetroit.org). Place "Building Use" in the subject line, and include in the body of the email the following details: event purpose and participants; event date; and facilities needed.

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items provide a summary of items covered at the most recent Council meeting. If you have questions or comments, please contact an elder or deacon.

Administration: Finances are very stable. New church by-laws will be introduced after they are approved by Council.

Building and Grounds: Lots of small projects have been completed in the last month: the ceiling was repaired in the school basement; air conditioning filters were replaced; emergency exit lights were changed out. A roof project for the tower is scheduled.

Church Life: The Mission Partners Potluck will be November 4 after church. The Soup and Pie supper will be in early December.

Children's Ministries: Everything is going well with Sunday School and Youth Group. Prayer Partners will begin in the next few months. The children's Christmas program is in the works. A Children's choir will start in January.

God's Kids Ministries: Everything is going very well with enrollment. Parents Night Out is scheduled for December 7.

Mission Focus: A new church sign is in the process of being planned and installed.

Worship Committee: The committee will be working with Children's Ministries on the Christmas pageant. Planning for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas is happening this month.

CAP: Thanksgiving baskets pricing will be available soon and we will be coordinating with Village Market again as it was successful last year.

PRAYER CONCERNS

On Tuesday, October 23, Mary H. will undergo surgery to repair the muscles that control movement for one of her eyes. Please pray for the surgery, and Mary's recovery.

This week Ellen Z. returned home from the hospital after being treated for a post-operative infection. She will receive intravenous antibiotics until the end of November. Please pray for Ellen's recovery and ongoing health.

Please remember those in our congregation who cannot worship with us regularly because of health concerns. We especially want to remember Doris M.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	<i>October 21</i>	<i>October 28</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	Alicia N.	George, Kelly, Allison, Josh S.
<i>Ushers</i>	Sandy M.	Bev N.
<i>Nursery</i>	Kim N., Jen P., Charlotte V.	Jodie A., Alicia N., Abby B.
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Allison S.	Helene T.
<i>Offertory Prayer</i>	Eric N.	Bruce V.
<i>PowerPoint</i>	Marc G.	Jason I.
<i>Refreshments</i>	Mimi M., Jane S.	Keltie and Eric N.
<i>Children's Worship</i>	Jen M., Jon K., Ellie M. 15: Exile and Return	Jen M., Randi B., Drew M. I-10: David the Shepherd Boy

CALENDAR

Week of October 21 – October 27:

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00am
 Choir Rehearsal 9:00am
 Worship Service 10:00am
 Youth Group 6:30pm

Monday

Bible Study 7:00am

Tuesday

Coffee Break Bible Study 10:00am
 Bible Study 7:30pm

Wednesday

Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
 AA Meeting 8:00pm

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AA Meeting 8:00pm

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