

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Mr. Greg Boon

August 6, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*** Please stand if you are able.**

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Opening Hymn: LUYH 582:1-4 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"**

1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing—with angels above—
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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*** God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other**

*** Call to Worship/Opening Songs of Praise:**

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.** -based on Psalm 27; John 4:23 WS 1.2.5

“Ten Thousand Reasons” vs.1-3

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.*

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“By Faith” vs. 1-5

1. By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.
4. By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

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*At the conclusion of this song children ages 3-1st grade are
dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children and Worship.*

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

The Call to Confession

Our Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon

The Call to Grateful Living - Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 32

Q. 86 Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

- A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, **so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits,¹ so that he may be praised through us,² so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,³ and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.⁴**

¹ Rom. 6:13; 12:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:5-10

² Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20

³ Matt. 7:17-18; Gal. 5:22-24; 2 Pet. 1:10-11

⁴ Matt. 5:14-16; Rom. 14:17-19; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:1-2

Song of Response: LUYH #874:1-2 **"We Are an Offering"**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering,
we are an offering.

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Offering: General Fund

* Song of Preparation: **"Speak, O Lord"** LUYH 755:1-3

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all Your purposes, for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
that will echo down through eternity,
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of Scripture: Romans 12: 1-8 (pg. 1123)

The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: **"Ceaseless Worship"**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND WITH OUR RENEWED COMMITMENTS

Song of Response: LUYH #246:1-4 **"God Is Here"**

1. God is here! As we, your people,
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of your Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the Word has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's celebration,
all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe.

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Prayer of Illumination

Congregational Prayer

WE GO OUT TO WALK WITH GOD

* Words of Sending: Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

* Benediction:

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26, NIV

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* Song: LUYH #947 "**We Receive Your Blessing**"

We receive Your blessing;
we receive Your grace,
as we walk in the light
shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give
change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing
as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

Repeat Song

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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Welcome! The psalmist prayed: "Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:19). May all who have come to worship find restoration, inner peace and spiritual strength. After the morning service all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

We welcome **Greg Boon** as he leads us in our worship services today. May God give him the words to speak. Next week Sunday, August 13, Pastor Rod Vander Ley from Puyallup will lead our morning service and Elder Dennis De Kok will lead our evening service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of **Helena Kuiper**. Helena passed away on Tuesday, August 2. May God give comfort to the family as they make arrangements for the services.

Friends of Helena Kuiper and her family, we would like to invite you to join us in the South lobby of Creekside Retirement Center, 400 Gilkey Road, Burlington, on Tuesday, August 8, from 6:00 until 7:30 as we celebrate Helena's life in eternity and enjoy memories of her on earth with an informal time of memorial. A formal memorial service will be held in Racine, WI on Saturday, August 19.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Faith Storytelling: Beginning sometime this summer, the elders would like to add a small element to our morning service entitled "**Three Minutes of Grace.**" Essentially this will be a time in which a congregational member reads aloud a favorite Bible passage and then also briefly shares why these verses are so meaningful to them. The first few "**Three Minutes of Grace**" will be led by an elder, but the hope is that in the future many other

congregational members might be willing to share as well. The main purpose of this element is to help all of us who are gathered for worship - from the 5-year-old to the 98-year-old - to realize in a deeper way that we are all redeemed sinners, loved by Jesus, shaped by grace, and standing together at the cross with open arms.

Sermon Topics: Throughout the summer months we will be studying the early life of David – Israel’s great poet, prophet and king. Three thousand years after he lived, his passion and faith still continue to inspire. Not only is David “*a man after God’s own heart,*” but more importantly he points us to Jesus “*who was descended from David according to the flesh*” (Rom. 1:3). The following is a tentative schedule of our study and as always I encourage you to read the text ahead of time in preparation for the message on that day. May God continue to cultivate our own heart as we study this particular giant of our faith!

In Christ,

Pastor John Knoester

June 11: “*Samuel Anoints David*” (I Samuel 16:1-13)
June 18: “*David in Saul’s Service*” (I Samuel 16:14-23)
June 25: “*David and Goliath*” Part 1 (I Samuel 17:1-30)
July 9: “*David and Goliath*” Part 2 (I Samuel 17:31-50)
July 16: “*Jonathan’s Covenant with David*” (I Samuel 18:1-4)
July 23: “*The Jealousy of Saul*” (I Samuel 18:5-30)
July 30: “*Saul Tries to Kill David*” (I Samuel 19)
Aug. 20: “*David and Jonathan*” (I Samuel 20)
Aug. 27: “*Fearful Flight to Nob and Gath*” (I Samuel 21)
Sept. 3 – “*Murder of the Priests*” (I Samuel 22)
Sept. 10: “*Living By the Word*” (I Samuel 23)
Sept. 17: “*David Spares Saul’s Life*” (I Samuel 24)

Following the service there will be a **Church Potluck** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are visiting with us today you are welcome to join us for lunch.

Today, following the morning service, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a casserole, or dessert to bring for the **Friendship House** this week. There is a need for 5 casseroles and 2 desserts yet. Servers are also needed. Any monetary donations to help with expenses will be accepted also. Please bring the food to the church kitchen on Wednesday, August 9 by 4:00 p.m. Have your casseroles cooked and hot.

Family Promise: We as an Evangelism Committee have committed as a church to be involved with Family Promise. We are a support church for Communion Church on Third Street in Mount Vernon. During the week of August 13 – August 20 we have the opportunity to help out again. This is a wonderful way for you to volunteer to help those who are homeless and in need. Please check the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall and see if there is a time where you would be able to help.

The **Men’s Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari’s Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

The Committee for **Back to School Blessings** is getting together to put the backpacks together and could use your help. They will meet at Faith Community CRC on Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. to fill the backpacks. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you are willing to help.

Back to School Blessings will take place on Saturday, August 12 at Skagit Valley College from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you are willing to help that morning.

Transportation Care Team: We currently have several elderly members who aren’t able to drive to church themselves, but would warmly welcome a ride to church if someone were willing to bring them. Thus, our hope is to create a ‘team’ of 4-8 individuals/couples who might be willing to provide transportation to these members on a regular basis. If we can

get a team of at least 8 people - one's commitment to provide such transportation would only be once every two months. If you are interested in being a part of this 'transportation care team' - please sign up accordingly on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have more questions about it please don't hesitate to talk to an elder. In addition, if you know of an individual or two who would like to receive help in getting to church please make an elder or the office aware of this. There will be a meeting after the morning service in the council room on August 27 for those have signed up to provide transportation. Thank you!

ADVANCED NOTICES

The **Council** will meet on Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Plan Ahead: The next **Ladies Night Out** will be held on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haggan's Café in Mount Vernon. Hope to see you there!

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Today, you have opportunity again to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for **"Neighbors in Need"**. Please bring your donations in and place them in the baskets located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

The Kingdom Parables: Whether our curiosity gets the best of us or we desire to secure our place in heaven, most of us want to know more about God's kingdom. Join Groundwork as we study four short parables Jesus told in Matthew 13 to reveal to us the way things work in the kingdom of God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Lights Camera Reactions: The greatest movie ever made! That's Liz's goal. Looks like it will be another disaster unless Lucille comes to the rescue. Check out this episode for the best action-adventure-romance-sci-fi-western ever made! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. At www.kidscorner.net, download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

The 4th **Annual Homeless for a Night Fundraiser** for Family Promise of Skagit Valley will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 24 at 7:00 a.m. It will be held at Salem Lutheran Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Informational flyers about Family Promise can be found on the walkway shelf.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	11:45 am	Church Potluck
	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	6:30 pm	Evening Service
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's
	4:00 pm	Friendship House
	6:30 pm	Fill Backpacks at Faith Community CRC
THURS	6:30 pm	Fill Backpacks at Faith Community CRC
SAT	8:00 am	Back to School Blessings

NURSERY:

Today: Infants & Toddlers

Sue Blom, Devin Van Zanten, Carson Blom

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Michele Feddema, Rayahna Oostra, Jordan Feddema

GREETERS:**Today:**

Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy, Henry & Anjean Vander Veen

Next Week:

Rovers: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

AM: Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Duane & Trudy Van Dyke

USHERS

Today: Wiebe Van der Hoek, Tim Van Hofwegen, Larry Greidanus

Next Week: Henry Hammingh, Tim Hibma, Kermit Houck

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Kendall Van Zanten

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today AM: Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Nathan Van Beek

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: DJ Droog

CHILDREN & WORSHIP**Today:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Elly Cuperus, Lexi Blom

Next Week:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Johnna Van der Hoek, Josie Droog

LIBRARY:

Today: Jean Rasmussen

Next Week: Michelle De Kok

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Church Potluck

Next Week: Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren, Greg & Tish Ackermann,
Agnes Bollema

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jayne Hammingh & Brooke Knoester

Next Week: None

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Melba De Kok

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

OFFERING: August 13, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Youth Dynamics

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Jill Klunder

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Kevin Kok

"Children of the Heavenly Father"	LUYH #23
"I Love to Tell the Story"	LUYH #262
"I Need Thee Every Hour"	LUYH #322

Message: Ministry Video – *"Limited Atonement"*

Video Discussion: Led by Elder Greg Boon

Time of Prayer

Offering: Youth Dynamics

Song of Application: LUYH #553:1-4 **"When Peace Like a River"**

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Call the church office at (336-2405) or e-mail: secretary@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW CONCERN:

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of **Helena Kuiper**, who passed away this past Wednesday, August 2. Friends of Helena and her family are invited to a time to share memories in the South Lobby of Creekside Retirement Village on Tuesday evening, August 8 from 6 until 7:30pm. A memorial service for Helena will be held later in August in Racine, Wisconsin, where Helena will be laid to rest next to her husband Art.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continue to pray for **Annette LeClair** and **Betty Postma** as they both continue with their chemo treatments. May God give them strength for each day.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Mary Koopmans** at home in Mount Vernon; **Wilma Paul** at Mountain Glen Retirement Center in Mount Vernon. **Adrianna Swanson** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at home in Clear Lake, **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington, **Chris Van Sweden** at Country Meadows in Sedro-Woolley, and **Rena Wester** at the Lynden Manor.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Pray for those *traveling* during the summer months.

PRAISES: Congratulations to **Hank & Anjean Vander Veen**, who will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary on August 14. We give thanks to God for all the years He has blessed them with.

World Renew: Kenya - Millions of people are without food in Kenya in the midst of a national drought emergency. With the help of World Renew and Anglican Development Services, families were provided with relief food items to last for weeks. Please ask God to give strength to everyone affected. World Renew will continue distributing food in the upcoming months.

Resonate Global Mission: Philippines - A missionary in the Philippines is leading a Coffee Break small group leaders' workshop this month in several of the nation's largest cities. Pray that these will be effective training events and that God will work through the leaders involved.

Back to God Ministries International: Indonesia - Pray for Kuwa, a young widow who works long hours to support her three children. "I used to complain about my life, but since I've listened to your spiritual broadcasts, I feel grateful," Kuwa wrote. "Pray that God will always give strength and joy to my family and neighbors."

CRCNA: Inspire 2017 - Offering three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation, Inspire 2017 begins today in Detroit, Mich. Please pray for focus, energy, and inspiration for those working behind the scenes, giving workshops and talks, setting up ministry displays, and leading worship and prayer. May all who come to Inspire 2017 find inspiration for ongoing ministry and worship and hope in Christ.

Resonate Global Mission: Michigan - Pastor Joe Ortega pastors Celebration Community, a church plant in Holland, Mich. Recently the church hosted a concert for more than 500 people in the community. Praise God! Pray that people will continue to engage in ministry with Celebration Community.

World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS) - In April 2016 a tornado touched down in Century, Fla., damaging homes and buildings in the area. Deborah Williams and her son were one of the families affected. With help from caring donors, World Renew DRS has successfully renovated a new home for the Williams family. We praise God for the resources given to help people overcome disaster.

Chaplaincy and Care: Chaplain candidates - Students and mid-career pastors are adding their names to our list of chaplains in training and making more requests for training funds than ever before. Pray for these candidates seeking specialized training and for those who teach them, asking also that funding may be able to keep up with the growing demand for training grants.