

# **Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!**

**Pastor John Knoester**

**January 29, 2017**

**10:30 A.M. Worship Service**

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

***“Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,”***

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome/Announcements

**\* Call to Worship:**

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water.  
Come, all who are weary;  
come, all who yearn for forgiveness.  
The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ  
has washed over us,  
and our gracious and holy God beckons  
and blesses us.  
Drink deeply of these living waters.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

**\* Opening Hymn: LUYH #560:1-3 *“We Praise You, O God”***

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through life’s storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, you never forsake us.  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer;  
our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore’er be praise!

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**\* God’s Greeting / We Greet Each Other**

**\* Opening Songs of Praise:**

Reading of Ephesians 3:14-19

***“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*** LUYH #796:1-3

1. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of thy love—  
leading onward, leading homeward,  
to thy glorious rest above!

2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
spread his praise from shore to shore!  
How he loves us, ever loves us,  
changes never, nevermore!  
How he watches o'er his loved ones,  
died to call them all his own;  
how for them he's interceding,  
watching o'er them from the throne!
3. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'tis a haven sweet of rest!  
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—  
'tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to thee!

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Reading of Titus 3:4-8

***"In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified"*** LUYH #861:1-4

1. In our lives Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In our homes Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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*During the last verse the children are invited forward for the Children's Message.*

***"Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;"***

Children's Message: Marjo Rouw

We Celebrate the Profession of Faith of Mardy Stevens & Kristi Stevens

Introduction

The Vows

\* We Profess our Faith Together: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.*

We Celebrate the Baptisms of Kristi Stevens & Emmalyn Stevens

Introduction

Institution, Promises, Instruction

Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* Song of Thanksgiving and Preparation: LUYH #790:1-3 ***“Baptized in Water”***

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God’s praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God’s praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of one Father, we are his children,  
joyfully now God’s praise we sing.

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*During the singing of the last verse, children ages 3-first grade  
are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.*

***“Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,”***

Scripture Reading: John 5:1-18 (pg. 1054) Read by Alice De Vries

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“The Healing at the Pool”***

Time of Prayer

\* Song of Application: LUYH #770:1-4 ***“In Christ Alone”***

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no human plan,  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til He returns or calls me home,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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***“Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.”***

Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: LUYH #859:1-4 ***“Be Thou My Vision”***

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only first in my heart,  
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish hymn, 8<sup>th</sup> c; tr. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, Music: Irish melody;  
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\*Postlude

**Welcome** to a time of praise and worship of the Lord our God. Let us fill His house with songs of praise and feast upon His word. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours. 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.

Today we have the opportunity to witness the Profession of Faith of **Mardy & Kristi Stevens** and the Baptisms of **Kristi** and their daughter, **Emmalyn Marie**. We thank God for His work in their lives!

### **OUR CHURCH EVENTS**

Today you will have opportunity to sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, February 8. Servers are also needed. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can sign up and pick up a recipe. Monetary donations are accepted also. Any questions? Give Glenda Kok a call.

**Neighborhood Valentine's Day Dinner:** On **Friday, February 10** the Evangelism Committee hopes to provide a free Valentine's Day dinner to various families in the neighborhood. Thus, we will be 'canvassing' the neighborhood today, **January 29 beginning at 3:00 PM**. We would love for more church members to join us! Also, we will likely be in need of several volunteers to help with set-up, serving, childcare, and clean-up on the evening of February 10. If you are interested in participating in either one of these activities please take a moment to sign up accordingly on the sheet provided in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Youth Group** will meet at 7:45 p.m. today in the Youth Group Room.

**Blood Draw:** A blood draw will be held on Monday, January 30, from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (closed from 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at Emmanuel Baptist Church in the Fireside Room. Please help ensure an ample summer blood supply.

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

**Golden Hour** will meet on Thursday, February 2 at 1:30 p.m. Study James 4:11-17.

**GEMS** will meet on Friday, February 3 at 6:30 pm. This is our annual sleepover.

**Joint Potluck - Mark Your Calendars!:** A few months ago we enjoyed a joint potluck here at First with our sister church, Faith Community Fellowship. In return, they are now inviting us to join them on **Sunday, February 5** for another one. The potluck will begin right around 12:15 p.m. and congregational members attending are encouraged to bring their food to our church first and then over to Faith following our morning service.

**Survey:** Our church has been asked to participate in an important denominational survey. Please be assured that the information gathered from you will be kept strictly confidential. More information can be found by copying and pasting this address: [https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/crcna\\_survey\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/crcna_survey_flyer.pdf). We encourage you to participate in this survey by copying and pasting to the following link: [crcna.org/survey/7861](http://crcna.org/survey/7861). Thank you so much in participating.

**FAMILY VISITING:** The following is the family visiting schedule for **January & February 2017**. If your family is included in the list, please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange the day and time for the visit. If you have questions about the schedule please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

<b>Elder</b>	<b>Family</b>
Dave V	Elaine Hammingh
Dave V	Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren
Greg A	Dennis & Melba DeKok
Greg A	Alice De Vries
Greg B	Bob & Andy Pippel

Greg B	Bev Van Slageren
Henry H	Corey & Tawnya Eelkema
Henry H	Wilma De Boer
Darrel L	Duane & Trudy Van Dyke
Darrel L	Martha Haarsma
Pastor John	Todd Klunder
Pastor John	Darin & Michelle Kuipers
Dennis D	Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy
Dennis D	Brandon & Julie Speck

### ADVANCED NOTICES

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, February 8 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 **Cadets** will meet on Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

**Plan Ahead:** The next **Ladies Night Out** will be held on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haggens' Café in Mount Vernon. Hope to see you there!

### ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

**Donations for Neighbors in Need:** Next week, February 5, you will 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 the morning or evening to the church and place them in the basket located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

**Christ Throughout History:** Why is Jesus Christ's life the most important life ever lived? Why do people believe different things about him and where is the evidence in scripture? Join the conversation on passages like Colossians 1:15-20 and more, as Han-luen Kantzer Komline joins us again to continue our study of Jesus Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Spiritual Disciplines Audio Bible Study:** Prayer, fasting, study, solitude...spiritual disciplines through which God transforms our lives that we might be more like his Son, Jesus. Groundwork is offering an in-depth, audio Bible teaching series examining these essential discipleship practices. It's great for personal, family, or group study. Get it free with study guides when you subscribe at [groundworkonline.com/spiritualdisciplines](http://groundworkonline.com/spiritualdisciplines).

**Scooter's Secret:** At [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), Scooter is determined to win the Terrene Go-Kart competition. What will he do to win? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). KC has got Valentine Cards for you to share with friends and family. Just download them at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	3:00 pm	Canvass the Neighborhood
	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	12:00 pm	Blood Drive at Emmanuel Baptist Church
	7:00 pm	Elders & Deacons Meet
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
THURS	1:30 pm	Golden Hour
FRI	7:00 pm	GEMS Sleepover

**NURSERY:****Today: Infants & Toddlers**

Michelle Kuipers, Rylee Kuipers, Hannah Van Hofwegen

**Next Week: Infants & Toddlers**

Pam Van Zanten, Carson Blom, Danielle Van Zanten

**GREETERS:****Today:**

**Rovers:** Greg & Tish Ackermann

**AM:** Greg & Beth Boon, Alice De Vries, Grace Feddema

**Next Week:**

**Rovers:** Rich & Elly Cuperus

**AM:** Cadets

**USHERS**

**Today:** Tim Hibma, Henry Hammingh, Henry Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Darin Kuipers, Kendall Van Zanten, Larry Greidanus

**SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:** Tim Hibma

**Next Week:** Mardick Stevens

**PROJECTION**

**Today:** Josh Hammingh

**Next Week:** Nathan Van Beek

**VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** Mike Hibma

**Next Week:** DJ Droog

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP****Today:**

Teacher: Wendy Heino

Assistants: Beth Boon, Jack Hammingh

**Next Week:**

Teacher: Wendy Heino

Assistants: Monica Droog, Lexi Blom

**LIBRARY:**

**Today:** Melba De Kok

**Next Week:** Joy Faber

**COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** Katie Jungquist, John & Dena Klunder, Kevin & Glenda Kok

**Next Week:** Jeannette Folkertsma, Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Henry & Sharon Kuipers

**VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Vida Nueva

**Next Week:** Jayne Hammingh, Brooke Knoester

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Next Week:** Jayne Hammingh

**Accompanist:** Melba De Kok

**OFFERING: February 5, 2017**

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** Partners Relief & Development

**6:30 P.M. Worship Service**

Pianist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise:

**"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"** LUYH #538:1,3,5

**"All Glory Be to God on High"** LUYH #542:1-3

**"My God, How Wonderful You Are"** LUYH #548:1,3,5

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 15 Q&A 37-39

Q 37. What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

**A. That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.<sup>1</sup>**

**This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,<sup>2</sup> he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation,<sup>3</sup> and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> [Isa. 53](#); [1 Pet. 2:24](#); [3:18](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Rom. 3:25](#); [Heb. 10:14](#); [1 John 2:2](#); [4:10](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Rom. 8:1-4](#); [Gal. 3:13](#)

<sup>4</sup> [John 3:16](#); [Rom. 3:24-26](#)

Q 38. Why did he suffer "under Pontius Pilate" as judge?

**A. So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge,<sup>1</sup> and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> [Luke 23:13-24](#); [John 19:4, 12-16](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Isa. 53:4-5](#); [2 Cor. 5:21](#); [Gal. 3:13](#)

Q 39. Is it significant that he was "crucified" instead of dying some other way?

**A. Yes. By this I am convinced that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> [Gal. 3:10-13](#) ([Deut. 21:23](#))

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: **"Man of Sorrows"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: Denominational Ministry Share

Song of Application: LUYH #170:1-5 **"Man of Sorrows – What a Name"**

\* 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@firstcrcmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrcmv.com) by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

#### **SHUT INS:**

**Nell Annema** at Creekside in Burlington, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Helena Kuiper** at Mira Vista in Mount Vernon; **Mary Koopmans** at home 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.

#### **PRAISE:**

We give God praise for working in the lives of **Mardy & Kristi Stevens** and that we could witness the Profession of Faith of Mardy & Kristi and the Baptisms of **Kristi** and **Emmalyn**. May God give them guidance in their walk with Him.

**Marjean De Groot** will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 3. We thank God for blessing Marjean with many years and pray that He will continue to bless her as she serves Him.

#### **OTHER CONCERNS:**

Pray for safe travel as **Shirley Boonstra & Danielle Van Zanten** travel back from Grand Rapids, MI.

**Sustaining Pastoral Excellence: Peer groups** - In the next several weeks, almost 100 pastors and lay leaders will begin to meet in their SPE peer groups. Pray that God will richly bless their time together in the coming year as they explore their chosen topic and support, encourage, and pray for one another. May God refresh and renew them for the work to which they've been called.

**Back to God Ministries International: Haiti** - Pray for a man in Haiti struggling in his marriage. He received a devotional guide from a friend distributed by the BTGMI French team and titled "When a spouse is unfaithful." He said, "I would say that this came at just the right moment. Thank you for helping me to avoid unfaithfulness in my marriage." Please lift up this husband and wife in prayer.

**World Renew: Zambia** - Food security has deteriorated in Zambia as a result of irregular weather patterns aggravated by last year's El Niño. With little rain and prolonged droughts many families have struggled to grow enough food to eat. World Renew has been working to support these families during this crisis. Since 2012, 45,000 people have received assistance. Praise God!

**Christian Reformed World Missions: Persecuted Christians** - In many countries, people who make decisions to follow Christ know it will affect their relationships with family members in a negative way. Pray that God will work in the hearts of the family members of new Christians in these situations. Pray that these new Christians can find ways to share their faith with family members also.

**Christian Reformed Home Missions: Zuni (N.Mex.) Christian school and CRC** - Praise God for the faithful service of staff at the Christian school and the Christian Reformed church in Zuni. Pray for the parents of students and also the larger community as some struggle with poverty and addictions.

**GEMS Girls' Clubs: Local clubs** - Please pray for every GEMS Club—those that have been around for decades, and those that are brand new. Pray that women will step forward as counselors, and that girls will continuously see God's love through the women who mentor them. Please also pray for the thousands of girls who receive GEMS magazines but who are not currently part of a local club.

**Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: Military chaplains** - Twenty-two of our 148 chaplains serve in the military (in active duty, Reserves, or National Guard). These men and women offer comfort, care, counsel, and communion (worship activities)

to thousands of troops at home and abroad. They serve those who serve in the military to protect us. Some chaplains serve away from home and family during the holidays—possibly in areas of military conflict. Pray for safety, grace, joy, and peace for them and for their families.