

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

**Guest Pastor Jon Westra**

**July 2, 2017**

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

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

***“Will you let me be your servant,”***

Prelude: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome and Announcements

**\* Call to Worship:**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

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**\* Opening Hymn: LUYH #19:1,2,4,5 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"***

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Refrain*

*Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,

*Refrain*

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*

5. For yourself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
agent of God's grand design:  
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

*Refrain*

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\* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Psalm 122:1,8-9

***"With Joy I Heard my Friends Exclaim"*** LUYH #66:1,3,4,5

1. With joy I heard my friends exclaim:  
"Come, let us in God's temple meet."  
Within your gates, O Zion blest,  
shall ever stand our willing feet.

*Refrain*

*Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.  
Zion, sing; sing out your peace and joy.*

3. They come to learn the will of God,  
to pay their vows, God's grace to own,  
for there is judgment's royal seat,  
Messiah's sure and lasting throne.

*Refrain*

4. For Zion's peace let prayers be made;  
may all that love you prosper well!  
Within your walls let peace abide,  
and gladness with your children dwell.

*Refrain*

5. For love of friends and kindred dear,  
my heart's desire is Zion's peace,  
and for the house of God, the Lord,  
my loving care shall never cease.

*Refrain*

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***"They'll Know We Are Christians"*** LUYH #256:1-4

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*Refrain*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

*Refrain*

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity  
and save each one's pride.

*Refrain*

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one.

*Refrain*

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*At the conclusion of the song, children ages 3-first grade  
are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.*

***"Let me be as Christ to you?"***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: LUYH #370:1-3 ***"My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"***

1. My soul finds rest in God alone,  
my rock and my salvation;  
a fortress strong against my foes,  
and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,  
and lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;  
I'll look to him who hears me.

*Refrain*

- O praise him, hallelujah,  
my delight and my reward;  
everlasting, never failing,  
my Redeemer, my God.
2. Find rest, my soul, in God alone  
amid the world's temptations;  
when evil seeks to take a hold,  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go,  
don't set your heart upon them;  
the fields of hope in which I sow  
are harvested in heaven.

*Refrain*

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone  
and trust in him completely;  
with every day pour out my soul,  
and he will prove his mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath,  
a sigh too brief to measure,  
my King has crushed the curse of death,  
and I am his forever.

*Refrain*

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\* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #749:1-2 ***"Spirit of the Living God"***

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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***"Pray that I may have the grace to,"***

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:36 (pg. 1081)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Pouring Godly Passion and Purpose into Hearts"***

Time of Prayer / Congregational Prayer

***"Let you be my servant too."***

\* Song of Application: LUYH #309:1-5 ***"The Servant Song"***

1. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

#### **Sing acapella**

5. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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\* Benediction: Romans 15:5-6

\* Doxology: LUYH #302:1-2 **"Hear Our Praises"**

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,  
may our streets be filled with joy.  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
as the people turn and pray.

#### *Refrain*

*From the mountain to the valley,  
hear our praises rise to you.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness  
as we walk before the cross.  
May your glory fill the whole earth  
as the water over the seas.

#### *Refrain x2*

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\* Postlude

**Welcome!** The prophet Isaiah proclaimed: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). We welcome all who are present today, and invite everyone to drink of Christ's "living water," which can quench our spiritual thirstiness forever. After joining us in worship, join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

We welcome **Pastor Jon Westra** this morning as he brings God's Word to us. **Elder Dennis De Kok** will lead our evening service today.

**Next Sunday**, July 9, we will not have our evening service here. We encourage you to attend the service at Cascade Family Bible Camp. The service begins at 6:45 p.m.

### **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: “*Living By the Word*” (I Samuel 23)
- Sept. 10: “*David Spares Saul’s Life*” (I Samuel 24)

Today you will have opportunity to sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, July 12. 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.

**Young at Heart:** Sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in meeting monthly at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at I-Hop on the last Thursday of the month.

**FAMILY VISITING:** The following is the family visiting schedule for **May & July 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.

| MAY-JULY 2017 FAMILY VISITS |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Elder                       | Family                        |
| Dave V                      | Henry & Pam Van Zanten        |
| Dave V                      | Greg & Tish Ackermann         |
| Greg A                      | Pastor John & Brooke Knoester |
| Greg A                      | Sue & Eliot Blom              |
| Greg B                      | Terry & Joni Beezhold         |
| Greg B                      | Steve & Teci Greydanus        |
| Henry H                     | Wilma Paul                    |
| Henry H                     | Karen Staat                   |
| Darrel L                    | Clarence & Lona Vander Griend |
| Darrel L                    | Rich & Elly Cuperus           |
| Pastor John                 | Mardy & Kristine Stevens      |
| Pastor John                 | Randy & Peggy Burr            |

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| Dennis D | Adrianna Swanson |
| Dennis D | Marjo Rouw       |

### ADVANCED NOTICES

**Date Change:** *Executive Committee* will meet on Tuesday, July 11 instead of Monday, July 10.

The *Men's Bible Study* will meet on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

**Save the Date:** Back to School Blessings will take place on Saturday, August 12 at Skagit Valley College. More details to follow. Contact Mardick Stevens for more information.

### ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

**Donations for Neighbors in Need:** 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.

**Are you going?** The excitement is building as CRC members from all corners of the continent prepare to converge in Detroit, Michigan this August for Inspire 2017. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind opportunity to worship, connect, learn and serve with others – like you- who have been inspired to serve God in their local church. Group discounts are available. Why not team up with others from your congregation and plan to attend Aug 3-5. Visit [crcna.org/Inspire2017](http://crcna.org/Inspire2017) to learn more and to register. We are hoping to have as many churches participating as we can, so we'd like to offer **one free registration** - if there is someone in your congregation who would be interested in attending. Promo Code **EVERYCHURCH** -Also we'd like to offer **50% off all your registrations** - if there are folks in your congregation who would be interested in attending. Promo Code **50OFF**

**Hearing God's Call:** How can I tell when God is asking me to do something? Is it possible for my calling to change? Join us as we study stories of three people in the Bible who heard and responded to God's call in their lives and as we discuss Mark 1:16-20 to help us discern God's calling in our own lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**New Improved Kayla:** With the help of Lucille and Liz, Kayla will meet her favorite celebrity idol Rayleen. Is this the chance of a lifetime that will lead to super stardom for Kayla? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). At [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net), download two of our best free resources: the KC Sketch book and the KC Summer Fun Book.

The **Crop Hunger Walk** is coming back to Skagit County on October 1st at 2:00 p.m. This 3.4 mile walk will start and end at the Mount Vernon Christian School and take us through downtown Mount Vernon. 3.4 miles is the average distance women in developing countries carry water each day for their families. For more information, visit [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org). Also, we need a team captain for our church. Please contact the church office or email [jonathandwestra@gmail.com](mailto:jonathandwestra@gmail.com) or call 360-708-0113.

#### **NURSERY:**

##### **Today: Infants & Toddlers**

Juli Oostra, Kennedy Donaldson, Kyler Houck

##### **Next Week: Infants & Toddlers**

Elly Cuperus, Jordan Feddema, Nathan Van Beek

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

**Rovers:** Dennis & Melba De Kok

**AM:** John & Dena Klunder, Rich Knight

**Next Week:**

**Rovers:** Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**AM:** Kevin & Glenda Kok, Darin & Michelle Kuipers

**USHERS**

**Today:** Darin Kuipers, Kermit Houck, Henry Hammingh

**Next Week:** Tim Hibma, Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Kendall Van Zanten

**SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:** Tim Hibma

**Next Week:** Kendall Van Zanten

**PROJECTION**

**Today AM:** Nathan Van Beek

**Next Week:** Devin Van Zanten

**VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** DJ Droog

**Next Week:** Mike Hibma

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

Teacher: Sue Blom

Assistant: Briana Vander Kooy

**Next Week:**

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistant: Brooke Knoester

**LIBRARY:**

**Today:** Jean Rasmussen

**Next Week:** Michelle De Kok

**COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Jill Klunder, Kevin & Glenda Kok

**Next Week:** Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Joe & Annette Leclair, Aileen Meischke

**VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Jayne Hammingh, Jack Hammingh

**Next Week:** Danielle Van Zanten, Sylvia Van Zanten

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Next Week:** None

**OFFERING: July 9, 2017**

**AM:** General Fund



## 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Marjean De Groot

**"Rejoice the Lord Is King"** LUYH #224:1-4

**"Crown Him with Many Crowns"** LUYH #223:1-3

**"He Is Lord "** LUYH #227:1 -4

Message: Ministry Video – Led by Elder Dennis De Kok

Time of Prayer

Offering: Back to School Blessings

Song of Application: LUYH #690:1-4 **"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"**

\* 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.

### **NEW CONCERN:**

**Helena Kuipers** fell earlier this past week and had some surgery done. She broke two knuckles plus the pinky down in the knuckle area. She is recuperating at Mira Vista (room 109). Pray for healing for Helena.

### **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 Creekside in Burlington, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **Helena Kuiper** at Creekside in Burlington; **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 **Lorraine Gorton** who is celebrating her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday today and to **Wilma Paul** who will celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 5 and to **Grace Feddema** who will celebrate her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 6. We praise God for blessing them with many years. Happy Birthday to each one of you.

**World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)** - Areas in southern Missouri have seen widespread flooding. World Renew DRS regional managers will conduct assessments in the most affected communities to find out what help they might need and how World Renew can support their recovery. Please keep the regional managers in prayer as they travel and make assessments.

**Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: Chaplains serving in prison** - Systemic issues involving family, social systems, education, and emotional deprivation present complexities for the work of chaplains in prisons. Pray for our chaplains, who must maintain a positive witness in the often challenging environment of corrections.

**Sustaining Congregational Excellence: Grant decisions** - Please pray for the SCE team in the coming month as they review proposals and make decisions on grant requests received from smaller churches for projects they would like to pursue, aiming to foster health within their church and potentially their surrounding community. Pray also for the churches as they embark on their new projects.

**Christian Reformed World Missions: Haiti** - Zachary King and Sharon Segaar-King, along with their four children, are transitioning from their ministry in Haiti for Zach's position as director of the new mission agency. Pray for strength in this transition. Pray for God's wisdom for their colleagues in Haiti as they adapt and make changes to the Haitian ministry in the future.

**World Renew: South Sudan** - Severe hunger and famine are affecting millions of people in South Sudan while conflict and violence are forcing many South Sudanese families to flee and leave their homes behind, abandoning the agricultural land they depend on for food. Please pray for all who are affected by this crisis.

**Christian Reformed Home Missions: New Discover Your Bible Studies** - Three new Bible studies are planned for the new ministry year beginning in the fall. Please pray for the teams of experienced leaders, writers, and ethnically diverse voices working on revisions of Discover Jonah and Discover 1 and 2 Thessalonians, as well as on a new venture between Coffee Break and the Timothy Leadership Training Institute: Discover the Whole Bible.