

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

**Pastor John Knoester**

**June 25, 2017**

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

\* Please stand if you are able.

***“Son of Adam, Son of heaven, Given as a ransom,”***

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3

\* Opening Hymn: LUYH #581:1-3 ***“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”***

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ, our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867, alt. P.D. CCLI #678905

\* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Ephesians 6:10-13

***“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”*** PP #165:1-3

1. In heavenly armor we'll enter the land,  
the battle belong to the Lord.  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

*Chorus*

*And we sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.*

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2. When the power of darkness comes in like a flood.  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
He'll raise up a standard, the pow'r of His blood,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

*Chorus*

3. When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near,  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

*Chorus*

I Sam. 17:47; Isa. 54:17; Eph. 6:11-18; Rev. 7:12, Jamie Owens-Collins, ©1985 Fairhill Music, CCLI# 678905

***"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*** GH #559:1-3

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,  
till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
then join the mighty conflict in this, his glorious day.  
Be strong in faith and serve him against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger, and all God's foes oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
where duty calls, or danger, be never failing there.

Text: George Duffield, 1858; Tune: George J. Webb, 1837; Public Domain; CCLI# 678905

*During the last verse the children are invited to come forward to sing along with the Worship Team on the song "Only a Boy Named David". Congregation please be seated and sing along with us.*

***"Only a Boy Named David"***

Only a boy named David, only a little sling,  
only a boy named David, but He could pray and sing  
Only a boy named David, only a rippling brook,  
only a boy named David, but five little stones he took.  
And one little stone went in the sling  
and the sling went round and round.  
And one little stone went in the sling,  
and the sling went round and round,  
and round and round and round and round,  
and round and round and round.  
And one little stone went up in the air,  
and the giant came tumbling down.

Words & Music: Arthur Smith Arnott; 1931, based on I Samuel 17:49; CCLI #678905

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

## ***“Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion!”***

Testimony of Faith / ‘Three Minutes of Grace’: Darrel Lagerwey

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering: General Fund

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #755:1-3 ***“Speak, O Lord”***

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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## ***“What a Savior, what a Friend, What a glorious mystery:”***

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 17:1-50 (pg. 278) Read by Bryan Van Beek and Greg Ackermann

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“David and Goliath – Part 1”***

Time of Prayer

## ***“Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of history.”***

\* Hymn of Application: ***“Joy Has Dawned”*** vs. 1,3,4

1. Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation;  
God's salvation now unfurled—hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,  
but a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.
3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb gazing at the glory.  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story—  
gold a King is born today; incense, God is with us;  
myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us.
4. Son of Adam, Son of Man, given as a ransom.  
Reconciling God and man—Christ our mighty Champion!  
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious mystery!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem—now the Lord of history.

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\* Benediction

\* Parting Praise: 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

In ***1 Timothy 1:17*** we read: “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.” We welcome everyone and invite all to join in offering honor and glory to God. Worshiping with hearts and hands and voices, we can each experience inspiration today. 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.

***Pastor Jon Westra*** will bring God's Word to us on Sunday, July 2.

## 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)

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men’s Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

**FAMILY VISITING:** The following is the family visiting schedule for **May & June 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>MAY-JUNE 2017 FAMILY VISITS</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Family</b>
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
Dennis D	Adrianna Swanson
Dennis D	Marjo Rouw

Copies of the July/August **Today** devotional are available on the walkway shelf and on the shelves by the mailboxes.

Copies of the Spring 2017 issue of **Providence Christian College** and the July 2017 copy of **Today's Christian Living** are available on the walkway shelf.

### ADVANCED NOTICES

**Cascade Family Bible Camp** is July 6-10 at Warm Beach Camp. Speakers include George De Jong, Grant Vander Hoek and Kyle Kloostra. Register online at [www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org](http://www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org). First time registrants will receive 50% off registration.

### ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

**Donations for Neighbors in Need:** Next week, July 2, 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.

**What the Bible Says About Itself:** Join us on Groundwork as we study 2 Timothy 3:14-16 and 2 Peter 1:12-21 to discover the trustworthiness of the Bible by reviewing what the Bible says about itself. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**The Mystery of the Silver Coin:** A famous painting has been stolen from the Terrene Museum, and the Lizarardo Detective Agency is on the case. Can you help solve this latest whodunit? 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.

**Family Fire** is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

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.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
MON	7:00 pm	Elders & Deacons Meet
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's Restaurant

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

Beth Boon, Josie Droog, Hannah Van Hofwegen

**Next Week: Infants & Toddlers**

Juli Oostra, Kennedy Donaldson, Kyler Houck

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

**Rovers:** Rich & Elly Cuperus

**AM:** Jeannette Folkertsma, Jill Klunder, Larry & Maxine Greidanus

**Next Week:**

**Rovers:** Dennis & Melba De Kok

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

**USHERS**

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

**Next Week:** Darin Kuipers, Kermit Houck, Henry Hammingh

**SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:** Kendall Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Tim Hibma

**PROJECTION**

**Today AM:** Josh Hammingh

**Next Week:** Nathan Van Beek

**VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** DJ Droog

**Next Week:** Mike Hibma

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

Teacher: Juli Oostra

Assistant: Julie Speck

**Next Week:**

Teacher: Sue Blom

Assistant: Briana Vander Kooy

**LIBRARY:**

**Today:** Joy Faber

**Next Week:** Jean Rasmussen

**COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** Alice De Vries, Larry & Maxine Greidanus, John & Dena Klunder

**Next Week:** Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Jill Klunder, Kevin & Glenda Kok

**VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Danielle Van Zanten, Sylvia Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Jayne Hammingh, Jack Hammingh

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Next Week:** Marjean De Groot

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

**OFFERING: July 2, 2017**

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** ?

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

Pianist: Jill Klunder

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Kayla Van Hofwegen

**"Oh, to See the Dawn"** LUYH #177:1,3

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** LUYH #348:1,2

**"He Leadeth Me"** LUYH #440:1,2,4

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 26-27 Q&A 69-74

Lord's Day 26

Q. 69 How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?

**A. In this way:**

**Christ instituted this outward washing<sup>1</sup> and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> [Acts 2:38](#); <sup>2</sup> [Matt. 3:11](#); [Rom. 6:3-10](#); [1 Pet. 3:21](#)

**Q. 70 What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?**

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross.<sup>1</sup>

To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [Zech. 13:1](#); [Eph. 1:7-8](#); [Heb. 12:24](#); [1 Pet. 1:2](#); [Rev. 1:5](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Ezek. 36:25-27](#); [John 3:5-8](#); [Rom. 6:4](#); [1 Cor. 6:11](#); [Col. 2:11-12](#)

**Q. 71 Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?**

A. In the institution of baptism, where he says:

**"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."<sup>1</sup>**

**"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe will be condemned."<sup>2</sup>**

**This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the water of rebirth<sup>3</sup> and the washing away of sins.<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> [Matt. 28:19](#); <sup>2</sup> [Mark 16:16](#); <sup>3</sup> [Tit. 3:5](#); <sup>4</sup> [Acts 22:16](#)



Lord's Day 27

**Q. 72 Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?**

A. No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [Matt. 3:11](#); [1 Pet. 3:21](#); [1 John 1:7](#)

**Q. 73 Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins?**

A. God has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ wash away our sins just as water washes away dirt from the bodies.<sup>1</sup>

But more important, He wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, **that the washing away of our sins spiritually is as real as physical washing with water.**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [1 Cor. 6:11](#); [Rev. 1:5](#); [7:14](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Acts 2:38](#); [Rom. 6:3-4](#); [Gal. 3:27](#)

Q. 74 Should infants also be baptized?

A. **Yes.**

**Infants as well as adults are in God's covenant and are his people,<sup>1</sup> They, no less than adults, are promised the forgiveness of sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith.<sup>2</sup>**

**Therefore, by baptism, the mark of the covenant, infants should be incorporated into the Christian church and should be distinguished from the children of unbelievers.<sup>3</sup> This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision,<sup>4</sup> which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> [Gen. 17:7](#); [Matt. 19:14](#); <sup>2</sup> [Isa. 44:1-3](#);

[Acts 2:38-39](#); [16:31](#); <sup>3</sup> [Acts 10:47](#); [1 Cor. 7:14](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Gen. 17:9-14](#); <sup>5</sup> [Col. 2:11-13](#)

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: ***"Baptism – Reminded and Assured"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Friendship House

Song of Application: LUYH #790:1-3 ***"Baptized in Water"***

\* 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.

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

**Wilma Paul** moved to Mountain Glen Retirement Center in Mount Vernon. She is in room #222. Pray that The adjustment goes well.

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.

Continue to pray for those who have recently lost **loved ones**.

**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.

**Back to God Ministries International: Indonesia**- Praise God that after listening to our Indonesian radio broadcasts, Mr. Sipahutar from North Sumatra shared, "I became interested in following Christ." Thank God that this media outreach is blessing people who may have never heard the gospel before. Pray that God will continue to work in Mr. Sipahutar's heart as he grows in faith.

**Inspire 2017: Participants** - Inspire 2017 is a conference to connect people from across the 1,000+ churches of the Christian Reformed Church in North America for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. Please join us in praying for all who will attend this event. Pray for safe travels as people make their way to and from the gathering, and for God's Spirit to move in their hearts to encourage, equip, and inspire them in their work in his kingdom.

**Christian Reformed World Missions: Mexico** - A seminary student named Mario requests prayer that the Lord would direct his steps and prepare a place of ministry for him. Pray for wisdom and encouragement for this young, bright leader who recently finished his second year of seminary studies. May he continue to grow in understanding Scripture.

**World Renew: Uganda** - After more than a year of petitioning, World Renew is celebrating a new law banning sachet alcohol. Alcoholism is one of the most pressing issues affecting livelihoods in Gulu district, and sachet alcohol, once available at every corner market and stand, was so inexpensive that even school children could purchase it. We praise God for this victory!

**Urban Aboriginal Ministries: National Aboriginal Day** - June 21 is National Aboriginal Day in Canada, featuring celebrations, concerts, powwows, and other gatherings. Pray for events that honor and uphold the first peoples of our country, and pray for unity between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.

***Christian Reformed Home Missions: Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Mich.*** - This 50-year-old campus ministry holds weekly worship services, events, mission trips, and much more. Pray for Campus Pastor Scott Stark and his leadership team as they seek to engage with and be a bridge for students to Jesus Christ and his local church worldwide.

***Back to God Ministries International: Russia*** - Pray for our Russian ministry as it seeks to receive legal registration to minister on Russian soil. Because the ministry works with partnering churches and radio stations, registration is not currently required, but as religious laws increase, it will be necessary to gain status to operate and grow in Russia.