

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

May 21, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“To God be the glory, great things he has done;”

Prelude: Marjo Rouw

Welcome / Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.

People: We gather in this place to know your presence and your love, now and always.

Leader: Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the light. If you know me, you know God.

People: We pray to know you more deeply, that we may know God more intimately, now and always.

Leader: Jesus said, Ask me for anything, and I will do it.

People: Help us to ask for the right things, Lord Jesus Christ, that we may fulfill your will, now and always.

Leader: Jesus said, Believe in me, and “Follow me.”

People: Help us to worship you fully - believing and following – now and always!

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #604:1-3 *“To God Be the Glory”***

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Psalm 63:1-3

- ¹ O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- ² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
- ³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

"O God, You Are My God" LUYH #743

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days. (Repeat Song)

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"You Are the One"

1. How I love You. You are the One,
You are the One
How I love You. You are the One for me.
2. I was so lost, but You showed the way,
'cause You are the Way
I was so lost, but You showed the way to me!
3. I was lied to, but You told the truth,
'cause You are the Truth!
I was lied to, but You showed the truth to me!
4. I was dying, but You gave me life,
'cause You are the Life!
I was dying, and You gave Your life for me!

Ending

You are the One, God's risen Son,
You are the One for me.

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During the singing of this song the Sunday School children are invited forward.

Sunday School Children: **"The Lord Is My Shepherd"**

Children's Bell Choir: **"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

Following the Bell Choir, children ages 3-first grade are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.

“So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sung Response: LUYH #652 ***“I Lift My Eyes Up”***

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.

*Oh, how I need You, Lord.
You are my only hope, You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for You to come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.*

I lift my eyes up to the mountains;
where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, Maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.

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Assurance of Pardon:

God's Will for our Lives:

Leader: What is the great and first commandment?

**People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

Leader: What is the second commandment like it?

People: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: What does this mean?

People: Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: To what does this call us?

People: To a life of faith working through love.

—based on Matthew 22:37-40

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Family Promise Update: Peggy Bridgman

Prayer for Family Promise Ministry

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Rayahna Oostra & Marjo Rouw

Song of Preparation: LUYH #762:1-2 **"Ancient Words"**

1. Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam
ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus

*Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.*

2. Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

Chorus

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"Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,"

Scripture Reading: John 14: 1-7 (pg. 1067) Read by Minne Van der Hoek

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"***

Time of Prayer

* We Confess Our Faith:

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Text: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #696:1-3 ***“Marvelous Grace”***

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain

*Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

2. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away!
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today.

Refrain

3. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe:
you that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive?

Refrain

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“And opened the life gate that all may go in.”

* Benediction: Matthew 28:19-20

* Doxology: LUYH #956 ***“To God Be the Glory”***

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done!
With his blood he has saved me,
with his power he has raised me—
to God be the glory for the things he has done!

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* Postlude

A sincere **welcome** to all who have come to worship the Lord! May each of us have our faith increased, our love enhanced, and our courage strengthened. May God’s presence be very real as we approach the throne of grace. 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.

This Sunday evening, **Mr. Alvin Shim** will come and share about the ministry at Tierra Nueva and the work being done in the valley.

OUR CHURH FAMILY

Our annual **Congregational Meeting** will be held Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Our annual church budget will be presented for approval and informational reports about our church's ministry will be presented. The Council presents the following nominees for office:

Elder: Greg Ackermann (1 year), Dave Visser (3 years)

Deacon: Randy Burr (1 year), Rich Knight, Mardick Stevens, Daniel Vander Kooy

If you have any questions about the agenda or any of the items on the agenda, please contact your district Elder prior to the Congregational Meeting. Ministry Expense booklets are in your mailboxes. Please bring them with you to the meeting.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

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

Blood Draw: A blood draw will be held on Monday, May 22, from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (closed from 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at **Emmanuel Baptist Church**. Please give so others may live.

The **Young at Heart** will meet for their monthly lunch on Thursday, May 25 at 12:30 p.m. Meet at Denny's in Mount Vernon.

The **Annual Deacons' Fellowship Brunch** will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP with Sylvia at 336-2405 or one of the Deacons by Tuesday, **May 23**. Transportation will also be arranged if needed.

Mariners - Save the Date! This year's Faith and Family Night at Safeco Field is scheduled for **Friday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.** with a fireworks show immediately after the game. Tickets will be \$15.00. per person. Last year we had approximately 40 people from our church attend and a fun evening was enjoyed by all. A sign-up sheet for this year's game is on the coffee table with the 'deadline date' for sign-ups being **June 4**.

Cookies: It is time to sign-up to bring cookies for the last Sunday of each month. If you are willing to make cookies for others to enjoy, you are encouraged to sign-up on the sheet provided on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to those who have provided cookies in the past months.

Christian Education Fund Update:

Pledge forms for the 2017-2018 school year have been distributed in your mailboxes. The cost of the ministry for the entire 2017-2018 school year of \$124,962.00 is to be pledged by May 31, 2017. Please return your pledge forms in mailbox #85.

Also your pledges for the 2016-2017 school year are due by May 31, 2017. The total amount to be collected is \$132,834.00. We are still in need of \$43,606.00.

In order for the Christian Education Fund to continue we need to fulfill our pledges for both school years. If you have any questions regarding your pledges, please contact Katie Jungquist, 428-3818.

Don't forget to turn in your pledges for the Christian Education Fund! They are due by May 28, 2017.

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 May 28—June 4 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.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **March & April 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 Hamming at 360-424-3019.

MAY-JUNE 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
Dennis D	Adrianna Swanson
Dennis D	Marjo Rouw

ADVANCED NOTICES

Our **Church Potluck** will be held on Sunday, June 4, after the morning service. Please bring a 9x13 inch hot dish (enough to feed 12-15), and a salad. **Please do not bring a dessert. There are ice-cream bars that will be used.** Table service is provided as well as juice and coffee.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

The Righteous Will Live By Faith: Nestled in the middle of Habakkuk's gloomy judgment declarations, we find two well-known biblical sayings – one of which is even quoted by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. Today on Groundwork let's dig into Habakkuk 2 to discover their theological significance. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

We Are One: Liz and the gang's soccer team face fierce opponents when they face the Lagarto City Junior Dragons. Gaby Tegu joins Liz's team. Is she a new friend? Whose side is she on anyway? 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.

Save the Date! Mount Vernon Christian will be hosting a retirement open house for Elaine Zonnefeld, Ivan Van Duyn and Chris Vander Wekken in order to honor and recognize the dedicated years they have taught and served in Christian Education and at MVCS. The open house will be at the High School on May 21, 2017 from 2-4 PM in the Hamming Commons. All are invited to come and join MVC for this time of celebration.

Need a weekend getaway that recharges your soul? Warm Beach Camp offers campsites, cabins, and lodge rooms. You can enjoy the buffet in the dining hall or cook over an open fire. **Cascade Family Bible Camp** is scheduled for July 6-10. Register soon. Forms are available at church or online at www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org. First time registrants will receive 50% off registration.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	12:00 pm	Blood Drive at Emmanuel Baptist
	7:00 pm	Congregational Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
THURS	12:30 pm	Young at Heart Lunch
SAT	11:00 am	Deacon's Annual Fellowship Brunch

NURSERY:**Today: Infants & Toddlers**

Shanna Visser, Juliana LeClair, DJ Droog

Next Week: Infants & Toddlers

Julie Speck, Lexi Blom, Rayahna Oostra

GREETERS:**Today:**

Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Trudy Van Dyke, Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten

Next Week:

Rovers: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

AM: Henry & Pam Van Zanten, Greg & Beth Boon

USHERS

Today: Kendall Van Zanten, Larry Greidanus, Henry Hammingh

Next Week: Tim Hibma, Darin Kuipers, Tim Van Hofwegen

SOUND SYSTEM

Today: Kendall Van Zanten

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today AM: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Josh Hammingh

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Mike Hibma

Next Week: DJ Droog

CHILDREN & WORSHIP**Today:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Beth Boon, Kennedy Donaldson

Next Week:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Monica Droog, Carson Blom

LIBRARY:

Today: Joy Faber

Next Week: Jean Rasmussen

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Henry & Anjean Vander Veen, Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Greg & Tish Ackermann

Next Week: Agnes Bollema, Randy & Peggy Burr, Rich & Elly Cuperus

Cookies: Maxine Greidanus, Jayne Hammingh, Sunee Lagerwey

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Betty Postma & Jill Haagsma

Next Week: Alice De Vries, Marjean De Groot

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Katie Jungquist

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

OFFERING: May 28, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: Love INC

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Danielle Van Zanten

Welcome / Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Hank Van Zanten

"Christian Hearts in Love United" LUYH #727:1-3

"Jesus Shall Reign" LUYH# 219:1-3

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" LUYH #366:1-4

Introduction to our Guest Speaker

The Ministry of Tierra Nueva – Mr. Alvin Shim

Time of Prayer

Offering: Love INC

Song of Application: LUYH #309 **"The Servant Song"**

*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:

Wilma Paul fell this past Tuesday and broke a hip. She had surgery on Wednesday and is doing well. Plans are being made to move her to a care facility this weekend. Pray for a swift and complete recovery for Wilma.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continue to pray for **Chris Van Sweden** as she recovers from having a recent heart attack and stent inserted. Pray for strength.

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

Pray for those who have recently lost **loved ones**.

PRAISES:

Congratulations to **Duane & Trudy Van Dyke** who are celebrating 65 years of marriage today, May 21, and to **Rimmer & Ruth de Vries** who will celebrate 59 years of marriage on May 25. May God continue to bless them.

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; **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:

Inspire 2017: Speakers and leaders - 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 the event and all who will attend. This month, please pray for the speakers and session leaders at Inspire 2017 as they prepare to speak and interact with people at the conference, and pray for all who will hear them there.

Race Relations: Wisdom - The message of the cross offers invitation and challenge, so it's an oasis for some and a stumbling block to others. To all it's a call to live into the work of redemption and reconciliation. Pray that the Office of Race Relations may be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves (Matt. 10:16; see also Matt. 4:1-11; Titus 2:7-8) as we invite and challenge everyone in the CRC to proclaim and live the message of the cross in this heightened time of polarization. Ponder Ephesians 2:16 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

World Renew: Cambodia - World Renew's team in Cambodia will be facilitating youth camps over the next few months. Please pray that these camps will inspire over 200 young people to become leaders in their communities, motivated to contribute to development and governance in their communities and nation.

Christian Reformed World Missions: Ukraine - CRWM partners with Kyiv Christian Academy in Ukraine to provide a biblical worldview for children of missionaries. Pray that God will work in this school community of about 150 children. May each student understand and develop their God-given potential.

Urban Aboriginal Ministries: Wisdom and clarity - As the commission investigating missing and murdered women and girls continues, pray for wisdom and clarity. Please pray for safety for society's most vulnerable people.

Back to God Ministries International: Kurgi, India - Pray for a newly formed listener group in Kurgi, an area of great poverty. New and seasoned believers meet to listen to the Word of God and to encourage one another in faith. Thank God that we are able to provide Bibles and radios for them. Pray that they may grow in faith.

Christian Reformed Home Missions: Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls, S.D. - Pray for inmates and for all who have joined this unique church within prison walls. Pray for healing amid the severe brokenness in prison life. Praise God that his beauty breaks into this world, that hearts change when Christ is "at home" in them.