

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

**Guest Speaker: Jeff Droog**

**November 20, 2016**

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

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

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome / Announcements

**\* Call to Worship based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8**

**Leader:** The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;  
we dwell in him and he in us.

**People:** **Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**Leader:** Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

**People:** **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!**

**\* Opening Song: "Give Me Faith"**

1. I need You to soften my heart and break me apart.  
I need You to open my eyes,  
to see that You're shaping my life.

Pre-Chorus

All I am, I surrender.

Chorus

Give me faith to trust what You say,  
that You're good and Your love is great.  
I'm broken inside, I give You my life.

2. I need You to soften my heart and break me apart.

I need You to pierce through the dark,  
and cleanse every part of me.

Pre-Chorus

All I am, I surrender.

Chorus

Give me faith to trust what You say,  
that You're good and Your love is great.  
I'm broken inside, I give You my life.

Bridge (2x)

'Cause I may be weak, but Your Spirit's strong in me.  
My flesh may fail, my God You never will.

Chorus

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\* God's Greeting: 2 Corinthians 13:14

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.

\* We Greet Each Other

\* Confession and Assurance:

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**People: Almighty God, who sent the promised power of  
the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith:  
We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit  
among us, that we are slow to serve you and  
reluctant to spread the good news of your love.  
God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and  
by your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a  
desire to do your will and be your faithful people  
for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

† Comfort and assurance in the gospel of Jesus Christ based on Ezekiel 36:24-28, NIV

**People: "I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you  
from all the countries. I will sprinkle clean water on  
you, and you will be clean. I will give you a new  
heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from  
you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.  
And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees.  
You will be my people, and I will be your God."**

Leader: Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit,  
we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.  
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

\* Hymn of Response: LUYH #690:1-4 **"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"**

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace  
to me he has made known,  
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
redeemed me for his own.

*Refrain*

But "I know whom I have believed,  
and am persuaded that he is able  
to keep that which I've committed  
unto him against that day."

2. I know not how this saving faith  
to me he did impart,  
nor how believing in his Word  
wrought peace within my heart.

*Refrain*

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,  
convincing us of sin,  
revealing Jesus through the Word,  
creating faith in him.

*Refrain*

4. I know not what of good or ill  
may be reserved for me,  
of weary ways or golden days,  
before his face I see.

*Refrain*

Words: based on 2 Timothy 1:12, Daniel W. Whittle, 1883; P.D.;  
Music: James McGranahan, 1883, P.D.; CCLI # 678905

During the singing of the last verse the  
Children's Bell Choir is invited forward.

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Children's Bell Choir

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

Congregational Prayer

\* Hymn of Preparation: ***"I Need Thee Every Hour"*** LUYH #322:1-5

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

*Refrain*

*I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee.  
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.*

2. I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

*Refrain*

3. I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

*Refrain*

4. I need thee every hour, teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.

*Refrain*

5. I need thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou Blessed Son!

*Refrain*

Words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; ref. Robert Lowry, 1872, P.D.; Music: Robert  
Lowry, 1972, P.D.; CCLI #678905

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 1:30-31 (pg. 1129); Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 1162)

Prayer for Understanding

Message: *"Entheos~God Within*

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Application: **"Great Are You Lord"**

1. You give life. You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great, are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
we pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
so we pour out our praise to You only.

Repeat Verse & Chorus

Bridge (3x)

And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
"Great are You, Lord"

Chorus

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\* Confession of Faith from Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A's 47, 49, 51, 53

**All: In his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit,  
Christ is not absent from us for a moment.  
By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives  
not earthly things but the things above where Christ  
is, sitting at God's right hand. Through the Holy Spirit  
Christ pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his  
members. The Spirit, as well as the Father and the  
Son, is eternal God. The Spirit has been given to us  
personally so that by true faith the Spirit makes us  
share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts us, and  
remains with us forever.**

\* God's Blessing: I Corinthians 12: 12-13

<sup>12</sup> The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts;  
and though all its parts are many, they form one body.  
So it is with Christ.

<sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—  
whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all  
given the one Spirit to drink.

\* Closing Song: **"In Christ Alone"** LUYH #770:1-4

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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\* 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.

Today we welcome **Mr. Jeff Droog**, Superintendent from Mount Vernon Christian School, who brings God's message to us this morning.

The **Sunday School & Catechism** classes will not meet next Sunday, November 27. They will resume again on December 4 at 9:30 a.m.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends,

Along with the Ten Commandments, the Twenty-third Psalm, the Lord's Prayer, and a few other passages – the Beatitudes of Jesus are generally acknowledged to be among the highest expressions of religious insight and moral inspiration. Together we can affirm them, meditate upon them, and maybe even engrave them on plaques to hang on our walls. Yet, the main question is this: How are we to *live* in response to them? This is the question I hope we will keep in front of us as we study them together throughout the months ahead. May God bless us as we do so!

In His Grace,  
Pastor John

September 18: Intro to the Beatitudes

September 25: "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"

October 2: Blessed Are Those Who Mourn"

October 9: "Blessed Are the Meek"

October 16: "Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness"

October 23: "Blessed Are the Merciful"

November 6: "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart"

November 13: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

November 27: "Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted"

## OUR CHURCH EVENTS

**Choir:** Please join us today as we meet for rehearsal after the morning service in the sanctuary. We will continue practicing on Sundays till Christmas. If you like to sing, please join us. We welcome all ages, and especially men!

The **Youth Group** will meet this evening at 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Group Room. Anyone in high-school is encouraged to come.

The **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Monday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Our **Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday School Service Opportunity (and Adults!):** For the month of November we are focusing on making care packages for our 13 college age young adults and older. We want them to know that we care about them. Some ideas might be baked goodies, homemade gifts, letters/cards of encouragement, gift cards, etc. You may place your items in the labeled basket that will be on the table across from the kitchen or give them to Danielle Van Zanten by November 27.

**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 November 27—December 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.

**Cookies and Pies** will be served following the *Christmas Carol Celebration* on December 8 which is being sponsored by the New Earth Recovery board. They are looking for volunteers to bake a pie or bring cookies. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you are willing to bake. The board would really appreciate it.

**2017 CRWM Calendars:** In an effort to be stewardly with the funds entrusted to it, CRWM is distributing most of its 2017 calendars through CRC churches. If you did not receive a calendar in the mail you can pick one up on the shelf in the walkway.

**FAMILY VISITING:** The following is the family visiting schedule for **October & November**. 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	Jeff & Monica Droog
Dave V	Grace Faber
Greg A	Greg & Beth Boon
Greg A	Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp
Greg B	Helena Kuiper
Greg B	Mardick & Jill Stevens
Henry H	Randy & Julie Oostra
Henry H	Henry & Sharon Kuipers
Darrel L	Woody & Wendy Heino
Darrel L	Larry & Maxine Greidanus
Pastor John	Steve & Katie Jungquist
Pastor John	Kendall Ackermann
Dennis D	Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek
Dennis D	Marinus & Jill Rouw

#### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

Our **Church Potluck** will be held on Sunday, December 4, after the morning service. Please bring a 9x13 inch hot dish (enough to feed 12-15), and salad or dessert. Table service is provided as well as juice and coffee.

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

**Golden Hour** will meet on Thursday, December 1 at 1:30 p.m. We will study James 2:14-25.

**GEMS** will meet on Wednesday, December 7 at **6:30 p.m.** This will be the Father/Daughter night.

**Potluck & Caroling:** We will not have our regular evening service on December 11. We will begin with a Potluck at 6:00 p.m. and following that we will go caroling. Please make plans to join us for the evening. Please sign up by December on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Save the Date:** Our **Candlelight Service** will be held on Sunday evening, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

**Save the Date:** On Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a **Christmas Carol Celebration** at First Christian Reformed Church. This event benefits **New Earth Recovery**, a Christian ministry bringing healing to those struggling with drug and alcohol addiction in the Skagit Valley. A freewill offering will be received. Light refreshments will be served. Bring your loved ones to kick off the Christmas season with an old-fashioned carol sing!

**Baptism:** Water is ordinary, so why do Christians think touching a person's body with water in baptism can do such extraordinary things? Join Groundwork in studying Matthew 28 and Colossians 2 to discover what happens in baptism, who it's for, and the hope it gives to faithful believers. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Turkey Rocket:** On Thanksgiving Day all of Terrene comes out to help to celebrate being thankful, but Liz and the gang encounters some tough challenges and hard times. Can they be thankful regardless of the circumstances? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Check out KC's special Advent Paper Chain Calendar craft at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

**Special Advent Devotional Series:** Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at [ReFrameMedia.com/Advent](http://ReFrameMedia.com/Advent).

**Sign Up for 2016 Advent Devotions!** Starting November 28, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will share a daily devotional series for Advent 2016 called The Things that Make for Peace, to orient your Christmas season. To sign up, go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent).

Available Free in the Digital Library - "**Expecting: Devotions for Advent**" is available free to all in the CRC through the Digital Library ([crcna.org/Library](http://crcna.org/Library)). This collection of daily Advent devotions by Rev. Scott Hoezee is excellent for personal, family, or congregational use.

#### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
	11:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Evening Worship Service
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	7:00 pm	Evangelism Committee
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service

#### **NURSERY:**

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

Juli Oostra, Kylie Boon, Jack Hammingh

##### **Thanksgiving Eve:**

Elly Cuperus, Carson Blom, Danielle Van Zanten

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

Jill Klunder, Juliana LeClair, Kendall Van Zanten

#### **GREETERS: Today**

**Rovers:** Rich & Elly Cuperus

**AM:** Rich Knight, Kevin & Glenda Kok

##### **Thanksgiving Eve:**

**Rovers:** Dennis & Melba De Kok

##### **Next Week:**

**Rovers:** Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**AM:** Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Henry & Sharon Kuipers



## **USHERS**

**Today:** Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Wiebe Van der Hoek, Darin Kuipers

**Thanksgiving Eve:** Larry Greidanus, Wiebe Van der Hoek, Darin Kuipers

**Next Week:** Tim Hibma, Henry Hammingh, Tim van Hofwegen

## **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

**Today:**

Teacher: Wendy Heino

Assistants: Briana Vander Kooy, Cody Hilsinger

**Next Week:**

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Carson Blom

## **COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** John & Dena Klunder, Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Aileen Meischke

**Next Week:** Joe & Annette Le Clair, Bob & Andy Pippel, Betty Postma

**Cookies:** Sunee Lagerwey, Juli Oostra, Betty Postma

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:**

**AM:** Tim Hibma

**Next Week:**

**AM:** Steve Greydanus

## **PROJECTION**

**Today:**

**AM:** Kendall Van Zanten

**Next Week:**

**AM:** Josh Hammingh

## **VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:**

**AM:** DJ Droog

**Next Week:**

**AM:** Tim Hibma

## **VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Betty Postma, Jill Haagsma

**Next Week:** Alice De Vries, Marjean De Groot

## **MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Next Week:** Katie Jungquist

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

## **OFFERING: Next Week**

**Thanksgiving Eve: November 23**

Undesignated gifts go to Salem / Elim

**November 27, 2016**

**AM:** General Fund

**PM Offering:** Marcia Bleeker with Wycliffe Bible Translators

## 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Henry Van Zanten

**"O Praise the Lord for It Is Good"** LUYH #549

**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** LUYH #521

**"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling"** LUYH #507

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 9—Q&A 26

Q. What do you believe when you say,  
"I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth"?

A. **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,<sup>1</sup>  
who still upholds and rules them  
by his eternal counsel and providence,<sup>2</sup>  
is my God and Father  
because of Christ his Son.<sup>3</sup>**

**I trust God so much that I do not doubt  
he will provide  
whatever I need  
for body and soul,<sup>4</sup>  
and will turn to my good  
whatever adversity he sends me  
in this sad world.<sup>5</sup>**

**God is able to do this because he is almighty God<sup>6</sup>  
and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.<sup>7</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:2; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 33:6; Isa. 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15

<sup>2</sup> Ps. 104; Matt. 6:30; 10:29; Eph. 1:11

<sup>3</sup> John 1:12-13; Rom. 8:15-16; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:5

<sup>4</sup> Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25-26; Luke 12:22-31

<sup>5</sup> Rom. 8:28

<sup>6</sup> Gen. 18:14; Rom. 8:31-39

<sup>7</sup> Matt. 7:9-11

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: **"God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: Marcia Bleeker with Wycliffe Bible Translators

Song of Application: LUYH #21:1-3 **"This Is My Father's World"**

\* 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:**

**Helena Kuiper** continues to recuperate at Mira Vista. Please pray for strength for each day.

**Tish Ackermann** was scheduled for a steroid injection in her back. Due to some medical problems the injection was called off. Her next attempt is December 9. She is walking better but still has a hard time during the day and sleeping. We are disappointed but know that God has a bigger plan for healing than we do. Thank you for all the cards and prayers

#### **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 Mira Vista, and **Rena Wester** at the Lynden Manor.

#### **OTHER CONCERNS:**

**Chaplaincy and Care: Hospice chaplains** - Because of our aging society, a growing number of our chaplains are employed by hospice providers. This work is challenging because recovery is not an expected outcome. But this is also a rich field for ministry, since the dying person is often left only with questions about God and eternity, along with concern for loved ones who will be left behind. Pray for chaplains who walk with individuals and families in these settings while offering the peace and love of God.

**World Renew: Laos** - Por Ner wanted to try growing a crop he had never grown before. With World Renew's support he learned how to grow cardamom. His first harvest was a success, and he earned enough income to provide for his family. Praise God for Por Ner and other farmers in Laos who have learned new skills through their training with World Renew.

**Race Relations: Unity and love** - Pray that we all may hear the voice of the oppressed and speak boldly on their behalf. Pray that denominational restructuring of ministries may lead to greater unity and clarity for congregations, helping them to be missional and prophetic. Pray that we don't lose sight of our love for Christ and for people in our neighborhoods.

**Christian Reformed World Missions: Volunteers** - This week CRWM volunteers are in orientation training for service on the international mission field. Pray that they will gain valuable skills and that God will prepare the mission field for their service.

**Christian Reformed Home Missions: Sunlight Español, Port St. Lucie, Fla.** - Sunlight Español, a multicultural, multigenerational church funded in part through Home Missions, began only eight months ago. Praise God that the church has already grown to 45 members. Pray for Pastor Juan Sierra, an immigrant from the Dominican Republic, a former high school English teacher, and now a church planter to the Latino community.

**World Renew: Disaster Response Services** - Hurricane Matthew left a path of destruction along the southeastern coast of the United States. Many homes have been ruined by the storm, which caused massive flooding in communities throughout Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Please lift World Renew DRS in prayer as they respond

to this disaster. Pray for all who are affected by the storm and for the volunteers helping to rebuild local communities.

***Calvin Theological Seminary: Global impact*** - Our students this year are citizens of 22 different countries! Give thanks that we can learn with and from others from around the world, and for the impact of Calvin Seminary through these students who are and will be leaders in the church and in communities worldwide.