

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

November 26, 2017

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

"I'm forgiven because you were forsaken."

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Opening Video: "Falling Plates"

Welcome and Announcements

*** Opening Songs of Praise:**

Reading of Ephesians 2:4-5

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

"One Day" CH# 294:1,2,4

1. One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,
one day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
dwelt amongst men—my example is He!

Chorus

*Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
buried, He carried my sins far away;
rising, He justified freely forever!
one day He's coming— O glorious day!*

2. One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,
one day they nailed Him to die on the tree;
suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He!

Chorus

4. One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
one day the stone rolled away from the door;
then He arose, over death He had conquered,
now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

Chorus

5. One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
one day the skies with His glory will shine;
wonderful day, my beloved one's bringing;
glorious Savior— this Jesus is mine!

Chorus

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“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken.

I’m accepted, You were condemned.

I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me

Because You died and rose again. (2x)

Amazing love, how can it be

That You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it’s true;

It’s my joy to honor You. (2x)

In all I do I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King.

Jesus You are my King, Jesus You are my King.

Amazing love, how can it be

That You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it’s true;

It’s my joy to honor You. In all I do I honor You.

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Reading of Galatians 2:s20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body,
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

“By Faith” vs. 1-5

1. By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.
4. By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

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

"I'm accepted; you were condemned."

Children's Message: Led by Marjo Rouw

*Following the Children's Message children ages 3-1st grade are excused
to the Koinonia Room for Children and Worship.*

Offering: General Fund

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #695:1,2,4 ***"And Can It Be"***

1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain—
for me, who caused his bitter death?
Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?

Refrain

*Amazing love! How can it be
that you, my Lord, should die for me?*

2. He left his Father's throne above—
so free, so infinite his grace—
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race!
What mercy this, immense and free,
for, O my God, it found out me!

Refrain

4. No condemnation now I dread,
for Christ, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Refrain

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“I’m alive and well, your Spirit is within me”

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-19 (pg. 1158) Read by Devin Van Zanten

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Rooted and Established in Love”***

Time of Prayer

“Because you died and rose again.”

* Song of Application: ***“Behold Our God”***

1. **Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.**

Chorus

*Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
come, let us adore Him!*

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hand,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

Chorus

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* Benediction

* Parting Praise: ***“Behold Our God”*** (*Chorus Only*)

Chorus

*Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
come, let us adore Him!*

* Postlude

Welcome! Sunday worship is the call of God to bring special honor to his name. Give him what he asks through faithful worship. Receive this day also as his gift to you to refresh you for the week ahead. 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.

Next week, December 3, **Pastor Erik Kamp** will lead us in our worship.

The **Sunday School and Catechism classes** will resume again next Sunday, December 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Following is a schedule for our evening services for December:

12-3: Potluck / Caroling (5:45 pm)

12-10: No Service

12-17: Candle Light Service (6:30 pm)

12-24: No Service

12-31: No Service

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sunday School Service Opportunity (and Adults!): For the month of November we are focusing on making care packages for our 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 by **December 3**.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is the Church? What is its purpose? Why does it exist? How is it supposed to function? These and many more are just a few of the questions Paul addresses in his letter to the church in Ephesus. In fact, we can almost call the book of Ephesians 'a miniature doctrine of the Church!'

Like every other book of the Bible – Paul's letter is not just for the recipients of his letter 2000 years ago, but also for us here today. The same struggles and issues the church in Ephesus faced are still prevalent in our world today. The following is a tentative schedule of our series for the weeks ahead. As always, you are encouraged to read and study the text beforehand.

May God continue to bless and build His Church!

In Christ,

Pastor John

September 24: Spiritual Blessings in Christ – Ephesians 1:1-8

October 1: Safe in God's Plan – Ephesians 1:8-11

October 8: God's Possession - Ephesians 1:11-16

October 15:(Communion) Living In Awe and Wonder–

Ephesians 1:15-23

October 22: Alive With Christ – Ephesians 2:1-10

November 5: Breaking the Dividing Wall – Ephesians 2:11-18

November 12: Unity in Christ – Ephesians 2:19-22

November 19: A Foretaste of What is to Come – Ephesians 3:1-13

November 26: Rooted and Established in Love – Ephesians 3:14-21

Angel Tree is a ministry of Prison Fellowship where churches buy gifts for a child who has a parent in prison. Today there is a table in the fellowship hall where there are gift suggestions for Angel Tree for those who would like to purchase a gift for a child of a prisoner. We will be purchasing **1 gift (\$25.00)** for each child. We have 25 children we are committed to buying for. You may also donate cash toward the purchase of a gift and we then would purchase the gift for the child for you. If you are willing to deliver some of the gifts on the week before Christmas let Sylvia know at 336-2405. Please return the gifts to the church office by December 10.

Choir will meet for rehearsal after the morning service.

Youth Group will meet this evening at 7:45 p.m. This is for all high school students. They meet in the Youth Group room in the Education Wing.

Blood Draw: A blood draw will be held on Monday, November 27, from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (closed from 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.) at the First Christian Reformed Church. Come and help save a life.

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your loved ones to an old-fashioned **Christmas Carol Sing-along** on Tuesday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m., graciously hosted by First Christian Reformed Church, 701 West Blackburn Road, Mount Vernon. This special event benefits **New Earth Recovery**, a local, Christian non-profit that brings healing to those in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. We will celebrate the season with carols, desserts, and a freewill offering to support this important ministry.

Ladies Night Out will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Hagen's cafe in Mount Vernon.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, December 29 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

Cookies & Pies: After the New Earth Recovery Christmas Sing-along on November 28 at 7:00 p.m., we are serving cookies and pies. We would appreciate it if you would be willing to bake for us. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. *Also, if you are willing to help serve and clean up, please let Sylvia know.*

In a few weeks a new **Worship Team** schedule will be put together for the months of January-April. If any children or adults would like to take part and be on a Worship Team, please let Sylvia know by Monday, November 27. Worship Teams practice on the Sunday morning they are scheduled to sing at 9:30 a.m.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **October—December 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.

OCTOBER — DECEMBER 2017 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek
Dave V	Marinus & Jill Rouw
Greg A	Jeff & Monica Droog
Greg B	Hilsinger, Nick & Kristi
Greg B	Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp
Henry H	Greg & Beth Boon
Henry H	Mardick & Jill Stevens
Darrel L	Randy & Juli Oostra
Darrel L	Henry & Sharon Kuipers
Pastor John	Jill Haagsma
Pastor John	Larry & Maxine Greidanus
Dennis D	Steve & Katie Jungquist
Dennis D	Chris Van Sweden

ADVANCED NOTICES

Potluck & Caroling: Our next church potluck will be held on the evening of Sunday, **December 3**. The food will be set out at **5:45 p.m.** and we will begin eating at **6:00 p.m.** Following the potluck we will go Christmas caroling at Heather Village and then come back and enjoy hot chocolate and goodies. We hope to see you there!

GEMS will meet on Wednesday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The **Golden Hour** will meet on Wednesday, December 5 at 1:30 p.m. Study the rest of Micah 7.

Our **Candlelight Service** will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service will be held on Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Donations for Neighbors in Need: Next week, December 3, 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.

God's Work Goes On: Many of us struggle with over-scheduling and repeatedly find ourselves over-committed. Yet we often wonder, "If I'm not around to do it, who will?" Join Groundwork in studying 2 Kings 2:1-18 to learn more about our servant participation in God's kingdom work. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

MVP: In this classic episode Lucille starts her program for broadcast on WLZR, Liz's radio station. One of her callers is Colleen, a basketball player, who is sick of her parent's attention. But Rita O'Dell, a famous player, helps Colleen to see that having supportive parents is really a blessing. Check out KC's Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and Devotional and invite your whole family to join you in giving daily gifts of kindness. www.kidscorner.net

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.

OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

SUN	11:45 am	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Evening Service
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	12:00 pm	Blood Drive at First CRC
	7:00 pm	Elders & Deacons Meet
TUES	7:00 pm	NER Christmas Carol Sing
	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's
	7:00 pm	Ladies Night Out at Haggen's

NURSERY

Today: AM Infants & Toddlers

Briana Vander Kooy, Josie Droog, Kayla Van Hofwegen

Next Week: AM Infants & Toddlers

Juli Oostra, Kennedy Donaldson, Trevor Blom

GREETERS

Today - AM Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy, Bryan & Deanna Van Beek

Next Week - AM Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Duane & Trudy Van Dyke, Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen

USHERS

Today: Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Wiebe Van der Hoek, Kermit Houck

Next Week: Larry Greidanus, Henry Hammingh, Tim Hibma

SOUND SYSTEM

Today AM: Mardick Stevens

Next Week AM: Matt De Groot

PROJECTION

Today AM: Tim Hibma

Next Week AM: Nathan Van Beek

VIDEO TAPING

Today AM: Mike Hibma

Next Week AM: Tim Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today AM:

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistants: Elly Cuperus, Kera Boon

Next Week AM:

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Johnna Van der Hoek, Cody Hilsinger

LIBRARY:

Today AM: Michelle De Kok

Next Week AM: Elly Cuperus

COFFEE HOSTS

Today AM: Les & Joy Faber, Jeannette Folkertsma, John & Dena Klunder

Next Week AM: Kevin & Glenda Kok, Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Henry & Sharon Kuipers

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Alice De Vries, Marjean De Groot

Next Week: Jayne Hammingh, Brooke Knoester

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

Next Week: Larry & Maxine Greidanus

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: None

OFFERING: December 3, 2017

AM: General Fund

PM: None

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Hank Van Zanten

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" LUYH #581:1-3

"How Vast the Benefits Divine" LUYH #688:1-3

"God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH #623:1-3

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 42 Q&A 110-111

Q. 110 What does God forbid
in the eighth commandment?

A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law.¹

But in God's sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate,² such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God.³

In addition He forbids all greed⁴ and pointless squandering of his gifts.⁵

¹ [Ex. 22:1](#); [1 Cor. 5:9-10](#); [6:9-10](#)

² [Mic. 6:9-11](#); [Luke 3:14](#); [James 5:1-6](#)

³ [Deut. 25:13-16](#); [Ps. 15:5](#); [Prov. 11:1](#); [12:22](#);

[Ezek. 45:9-12](#); [Luke 6:35](#)

⁴ [Luke 12:15](#); [Eph. 5:5](#)

⁵ [Prov. 21:20](#); [23:20-21](#); [Luke 16:10-13](#)

Q. 111 What does God require of you in this commandment?

**A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good,
that I treat others as I would like them to treat me,
and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.¹**

¹ [Isa. 58:5-10](#); [Matt. 7:12](#); [Gal. 6:9-10](#); [Eph. 4:28](#)

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:15, Luke 16:10-13, James 5:1-6, Ephesians 4:25-28

Message: **"You Shall Not Steal"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: Classis Pacific Northwest

Song of Application: LUYH #369:1-3 **"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

* 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 by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continues to keep **Hans & Aileen Meischke** in your prayers as Aileen recuperates from a broken arm and Hans from a recent surgery.

Pray for **Annette LeClair** as she continues with treatments. Please continue to keep Annette and her entire family in your prayers.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, **Marge Eskes** at home in Mount Vernon; **Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **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:

Continue to pray for Jill Haagsma's son, **Harvey**. He is scheduled to have colon surgery on November 30. Pray for God's healing for Harvey.

Continue to keep **Emily Curry** and her family in yours prayers. She will begin her 4th round of chemo on November 27. Pray for strength for each day.

World Renew: Nigeria - Thousands of women and children die every day in Nigeria from preventable complications occurring during pregnancy. World Renew and a partner, Beacon of Hope Initiative, have spent the past year conducting a campaign to help target preventable deaths. Led by trained educators, 495 Nigerian households learned about health care, nutrition, water sanitation, and hygiene. Please ask God to continue bringing healing and education to the families in this region.

Resonate Global Mission: North America - Pray for a woman struggling with health concerns as she faces the challenges of raising three grandchildren under the age of 10. She recently started attending a church plant and has been encouraged in her faith through members there. May the church continue to find ways to share Christ's love with her and help her become involved its ministry.

Race Relations: Training and discussion - Pray for our staff as they train and educate churches in becoming racially inclusive. Pray for upcoming Growing Pains book tour stops in Michigan and Iowa, focusing on the struggle of Lawndale (Ill.) CRC families to participate in Christian education in the 1960s and '70s. Pray also for efforts to train denominational staff toward becoming antiracist in our hiring and working practices.

World Renew: Uganda - In Uganda the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, a World Renew partner, created a Stepping Stones program in which local participants can discuss HIV/AIDS in a safe environment, sharing personal experiences and asking questions about the virus. Participant Akella Rose said, "In the Stepping Stones group, I gained confidence." Please pray for healing and wisdom for all who are affected by HIV/AIDS.

Urban Aboriginal Ministries: Homes - As winter approaches, the inadequacy of many rental properties and homelessness become pressing concerns. Pray for people who struggle to find safe, affordable housing, and pray for new approaches that will help end homelessness in Canada.

Resonate Global Mission: Nicaragua - The Kingdom Business program at the Nehemiah Center helps participants see the connection between the workplace and their faith. Fatima owns a business in Nicaragua and is a part of the program. Pray that through the training program she will continue to find new ways to live out her faith as she interacts in the marketplace and in her community.

Back to God Ministries International: India - Praise God that Mrs. Binita and her family recently accepted Christ. Binita had been ill and was encouraged to listen to our Hindi radio programs. She shared, "The Lord brings comfort through his divine love. I fully believe in the Lord Jesus Christ." Pray that the family's faith may grow and flourish.