

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

**Pastor John Knoester**

**September 17, 2017**

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

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

***“Christ, whose glory fills the skies,”***

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome and Announcements

October 1 Crop Walk Update: Darrel Lagerwey

Adult Sunday School Update: Dennis De Kok

\* Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1,5,14

\* Opening Hymn: LUYH #667:1-3 ***“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”***

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o’er the shade of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee  
joyless is the day’s return  
till thy mercy’s beams I see,  
till they inward light impart  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit, then, this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day!

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\* God’s Greeting / We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Psalm 95:1-2

***“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*** LUYH #521:1-3

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount— I’m fixed upon it—  
mount of God’s unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

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***"The First Place"*** LUYH #15:1-2

1. Jesus, the perfect picture of the unseen God.  
Maker of things we cannot comprehend.  
Wisdom, the earth displays your strength and beauty.  
Sovereign, yes, every throne knows you are God.

*Refrain*

*Every inch of this universe belongs to you, O Christ.  
For through you and for you it was made.  
Your creation endures by the order of your hand.  
So you must have in all things the first place.*

3. Victor, over sin and death you triumphed.  
Firstborn, you've shown us life beyond the grave.  
Bridegroom, we long for you in expectation.  
Jesus, your church rejoices to proclaim.

*Refrain X 2*

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*At the conclusion of this song children ages 3-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
are dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children and Worship.*

***"Christ, the true and only Light,"***

Testimony of Faith / 'Three Minutes of Grace': Trevor Blom  
II Samuel 9

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering: General Fund

\* Hymn of Preparation: ***“Be Still My Soul”*** W&R #451:1-3

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side!  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide-  
in every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past;  
your hope, your confidence let nothing shake-  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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***“Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o’er the shade of night;”***

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 24:1-22 (pg. 287) Read by Alice De Vries

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“David Spares Saul’s Life”***

Time of Prayer

***“Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.”***

\* Song of Application: ***“The Lord Is My Salvation”*** vs. 1-5

1. The grace of God has reached for me,  
and pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground:  
The Lord is my salvation.
2. I will not fear when darkness falls,  
His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Refrain*

*Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won;  
The Lord is my salvation.*

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord,  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come:  
The Lord is my salvation

4. In times of waiting times of need,  
When I know loss when I am weak.  
I know His grace will renew these days:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Refrain*

*Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won;  
The Lord is my salvation.*

5. And when I reach the final day,  
He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, Christ will call me home:  
The Lord is my salvation.

*Refrain*

*Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won;  
The Lord is my salvation.*

Bridge x2

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation.

Ending

The Lord is our salvation, the Lord is our salvation.

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\* Benediction

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #938 ***“To God Be the Glory”***

*Chorus:*

*To God be the glory; now and forever;  
now and forever Amen.*

*To God be the glory; now and forever;  
now and forever Amen.*

Verse:

My friends may we grow in grace  
and in the knowledge of our Lord.  
My friends may we grow in grace  
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

*Repeat Chorus*

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\* Postlude

**Welcome!** “Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go,” the psalmist prayed (Psalm 71:3). May we all find that God is a “rock of refuge” where we find help for every hour of need. A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship our Creator. After the morning service all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

**Adult Sunday School** is planning to begin on Sunday, September 24. Please let Dennis De Kok know TODAY if you plan on attending.

**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

**Youth Group** will meet this evening at 7:45 p.m. for all high schoolers. They meet in the Youth Group room in the Education Wing.

The **Men’s Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, September 20 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 begin on Wednesday (not Thursday), September 20 at 1:30 p.m. We will meet in the Koinonia Room and study the book of Micah. We welcome new members to join us.

**GEMS** will begin their week on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. with registration and an ice cream social. Girls in grades 2-8th grade are invited to attend GEMS.

**FAMILY VISITING:** The following is the family visiting schedule for **August—September 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>AUG-SEPT 2017 FAMILY VISITS</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Family</b>
Dave V	Joe & Nellie Strong
Dave V	Bryan & Deanna Van Beek
Greg A	Agnes Bollema

Greg A	Brad DeKok
Greg B	Larry & Margaret Vander Pol
Greg B	Mary Koopmans
Henry H	John & Dena Klunder
Henry H	Betty Postma
Darrel L	Wayne & Rhea Doss
Darrel L	Spencer & Janelle Donaldson
Pastor John	Joe & Annette LeClair
Pastor John	Les & Joy Faber
Dennis D	Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey
Dennis D	Brian Doss

### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

A **Blood Drive** will be held on Monday, September 25 at Emmanuel Baptist from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. They are closed from 2:15 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m.

The next **Ladies Night Out** will be Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Haggen's café in Mount Vernon.

### **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

**The Way of Folly:** As we continue our study of Jesus' parables, we encounter what might be his most famous parable. Join Groundwork as we learn about forgiveness and grace and remember deep truths about God and his love for us by studying the parable of the Prodigal Son found in Luke 15. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**There's An Ape for That:** Morrie is fed up with Skink the bully. He and his friends decide to unleash a secret revenge weapon that should teach Skink a lesson. Will his plan work or is it all just a bunch of monkey business? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). This month, Kids Corner is offering a free ebook on divorce called "God's Got You Covered." Using biblical teaching, this ebook provides help for kids and parents to talk about divorce. Go to [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and click on the free stuff page to download this free resource.

**World Renew** Responds to Multiple Floods - In North America and globally, World Renew's disaster response teams are reacting to destructive hurricanes and floods. You can help. In the U.S., World Renew DRS is assisting survivors of Hurricane Irma in Florida and Hurricane Harvey in Texas. World Renew is also responding to flooding internationally in South Asia where 40 million people are affected in India, Bangladesh, and Nepal. Please support those who are struggling and World Renew's responses with your prayers. You can donate financially at [worldrenew.net/floodingresponses](http://worldrenew.net/floodingresponses) or call 800-552-7972 to support those in urgent need. .

**FREE Reformation Study Resource:** The Banner presents a free online resource with questions for discussion for personal study, small group discussion, or adult education church groups: Reformation Themes: Commemorating the 500th Anniversary. Also available, Reformed Basics. Check them out at [thebanner.org/study-series](http://thebanner.org/study-series).

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please sign up to walk or support the **Crop Hunger Walk** on October 1 at 2:00 p.m. in Mount Vernon, starting at the Mount Vernon Christian School. This 3.4 mile walk through downtown is a both a public witness and a fundraiser to help alleviate hunger in our local area and around the world. To sign up, donate or find out more, go to:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/mountvernonwa/> Our team name is 1stMVCRCGetup&Walk. If you are unable to walk but would like to donate please make your check out to Skagit Hunger Crop Walk and give to Darrel Lagerwey or the church office before October 1.

**Please join us** for a fundraising dinner to benefit Bethany Christian Services of Bellingham. We invite you to join us for an inspiring evening and learn how God works through Bethany's ministry to serve children and families in our community. Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Hors d'Oeuvres and Silent Auction; 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program at Ferndale Events Center; 5715 Barrett Road ; Ferndale, WA 98248. Dinner is complimentary, and reservations are required. Guests will have an opportunity to financially support Bethany's ministry.  
<https://www.bethany.org/bellingham/events/building-families-together>

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

SUN	7:00 pm	Evening Service
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
TUES	7:-00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's Restaurant
	1:30 pm	Golden Hour
	6:30 pm	GEMS Registration / Ice Cream Social

#### **NURSERY**

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

Julie Speck, Rylee Kuipers, Nathan Van Beek

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

Briana Vander Kooy, Kaeli Houck, Kylie Boon

#### **GREETERS**

##### **Today - Rovers:**

Dennis & Melba De Kok

**AM:** Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp

##### **Next Week - Rovers:**

Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**AM:** Les & Joy Faber, Jim & Michele Feddema

#### **USHERS**

**Today:** Darin Kuipers, Kendall Van Zanten, Henry Hammingh

**Next Week:** Wiebe Van der Hoek, Larry Greidanus, Kendall Van Zanten

#### **SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:** Kendall Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

#### **PROJECTION**

**Today AM:** Devin Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Kendall Van Zanten

#### **VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** DJ Droog

**Next Week:** Tim Hibma

## **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

### ***Today:***

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistants: Monica Droog, Josh Hammingh

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

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistants: Shanna Visser, Emma Droog

## **LIBRARY:**

***Today:*** Michelle De Kok

***Next Week:*** Elly Cuperus

## **COFFEE HOSTS**

***Today:*** Jeannette Folkertsma, Larry & Maxine Greidanus, John & Dena Klunder

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

***Cookies:*** Brooke Knoester, Sunee Lagerwey, Juli Oostra

## **VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

***Today:*** Betty Postma, Jill Haagsma

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

## **MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

***Next Week:*** Kayla Van Hofwegen

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

## **OFFERING: September 24, 2017**

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** New Earth Recovery—Faith House for Women



## 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Greg Boon

**"Like a River Glorious"** LUYH #699:1-2

**"The Lord Is King, Enthroned in Might"** LUYH #726:1-3

**"I Love You, Lord, For You Have Heard My Voice"** LUYH #735:1-3,5

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 33 Q&A 88-91

**Q. 88 What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?**

**A. Two things:  
the dying-away of the old self,  
and the rising-to-life of the new.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 6:1-11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:5-10

Q. 89 What is the dying-away of the old self?

**A. To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 51:3-4, 17; Joel 2:12-13; Rom. 8:12-13; 2 Cor. 7:10

Q. 90 What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**A. Wholehearted joy in God through Christ<sup>1</sup> and a love  
and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 51:8, 12; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 5:1; 14:17; <sup>2</sup> Rom. 6:10-11; Gal. 2:20

Q. 91 What are good works?

**A. Only those which are done out of true faith,<sup>1</sup> conform to God's law,  
<sup>2</sup>and are done for God's glory;<sup>3</sup> and not those based on our own  
opinion or human tradition.<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> John 15:5; Heb. 11:6; <sup>2</sup> Lev. 18:4; 1 Sam. 15:22; Eph. 2:10;

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 10:31; <sup>4</sup> Deut. 12:32; Isa. 29:13; Ezek. 20:18-19; Matt. 15:7-9

Scripture Readings: Various Texts

Message: **"Changing Directions"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: New Earth Recovery Faith House

Song of Application: LUYH #623:1-5 **"God, Be Merciful to Me"**

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #965 **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**



## How can we **PRAY** for you?

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.

### **SHUT INS:**

**Nell Annema** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley, **Grace Faber** at home in Mount Vernon; **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:**

Continue to pray for **Annette LeClair** as she continues with her chemo treatments. May God give Annette strength for each day.

Pray for those who have suffered through the **hurricanes**. May their peace come from knowing God is with them during this difficult time.

**Resonate Global Mission: New York** - James Kim recently moved to Syracuse, N.Y., where he has been called to plant a new church. Pray that he will find opportunities for partnership in mission as he adjusts to life in Syracuse. Ask God to continue to affirm James's calling in his first church planting experience.

**World Renew: Asia** - World Renew and partner SATHI have helped to bless over 22,000 lives in the slums of Dhaka, Bangladesh, through their community organization, which they call People's Institution. Beauty, a Dhaka local, created a painting displaying progress made through People's Institution regarding health, education, and social and economic equality. Praise God for providing support and wisdom in this community.

**Resonate Global Mission: Florida** - Today marks the first day of Hispanic Heritage Month. Sunlight Español Church (a church plant in Port St. Lucie, Fla.) is celebrating by hosting a festival for their surrounding community. Pray that this celebration of God's diverse kingdom will help members of Sunlight Español in serving their community.

**Back to God Ministries International: North America** - Kisha is one of 3,100 prayer partners praying for people who respond to our ministry. She testifies, "God is growing me spiritually through this ministry. I am blessed to be part of this prayer team." We thank God for each of you who use the Prayer Guide for praying for all CRC ministries. May you also be blessed.

**Resonate Global Mission: Campus ministries** - Pray for campus ministry leaders as they begin a new school year at universities across North America. Pray that new student leaders will come forward this year and that God will work through these ministries to deepen the faith of participants.

**World Renew: Sea to Sea** - Starting at the Pacific Ocean and ending at the Atlantic, Sea-to-Sea bicyclists rode from June 26 to August 31 to fight poverty worldwide through fundraising and awareness. Praise God for his guidance and presence throughout the ride, and for churches and organizations who provided hospitality and resources to riders along the route.

**Resonate Global Mission: Dominican Republic** - Jason Ruis, along with his whole family, spent a month this summer serving alongside Resonate missionaries Steve and Sandra Brauning in the Dominican Republic. Pray that this experience will create a long-lasting understanding of cross-cultural ministry for Jason as he continues his studies at Calvin Theological Seminary this fall.