

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

**Pastor John Knoester**

**September 3, 2017**

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

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

***“Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,”***

Prelude: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome and Announcements

\* Call to Worship: Rev. 4:6b-8

\* Opening Hymn: LUYH #538:1-4 ***“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”***

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,  
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

### ***Sing Acapella***

4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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\* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Psalm 46:1-7

***“Be Still, for the Presence”*** LUYH #532:1-3

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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***"My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"*** LUYH #370:1-3

1. My soul finds rest in God alone,  
my rock and my salvation;  
a fortress strong against my foes,  
and I will not be shaken.  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,  
and lies like arrows pierce me,  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;  
I'll look to him who hears me.

*Refrain*

*O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;  
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

2. Find rest, my soul, in God alone  
amid the world's temptations;  
when evil seeks to take a hold,  
I'll cling to my salvation.  
Though riches come and riches go,  
don't set your heart upon them;  
the fields of hope in which I sow  
are harvested in heaven.

*Refrain*

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone  
and trust in him completely;  
with every day pour out my soul,  
and he will prove his mercy.  
Though life is but a fleeting breath,  
a sigh too brief to measure,  
my King has crushed the curse of death,  
and I am his forever.

*Refrain*

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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.*

***"While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;"***

Call to Confession: Psalm 142

Sung Prayer of Confession and Lament: LUYH #657:1-3

***"Hear My Cry and Supplication"***

1. Hear my cry and supplication;  
LORD, I pour out my complaint.  
Heed my tale of tribulation;  
lead the way when I am faint.

2. When my path is filled with dangers,  
no one comes to rescue me.  
When I am ensnared by strangers,  
no one comes to set me free.
3. LORD, I am oppressed and lowly;  
I depend upon your care.  
Save me now, O God most holy;  
hear me in my deep despair.

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Words of Assurance: Isaiah 43:1-3

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #657:4-5 ***"Hear My Cry and Supplication"***

4. When you lead me from this prison,  
righteous friends will gather round.  
When from depths I have arisen,  
I will make your praise resound.
5. I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms;  
in the arms of my dear Savior,  
oh, there are ten thousand charms.

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Guide for Grateful Living

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\* Hymn 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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***“Hide me, O my Savior hid, till the storm of life is past;”***

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 22 (pg. 285) Read by Bob Pippel

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Life in the Cave and the Murder of the Priests”***

Time of Prayer

***“Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.”***

\* Hymn of Application: GH #578:1-3 ***“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”***

1. Jesus Lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none;  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head.  
with the shadow of thy wing.
3. Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound;  
make and keep me pure within.  
thou of life the Fountain art;  
freely let me take of Thee;  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

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\* Benediction

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #366:1-4 ***“My Jesus, I Love Thee”***

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,  
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,  
and say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Words: William R. Featherstone, ca. 1862, P.D.; Music: Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876, P.D.; CCLI #678905

\* Postlude

**Welcome!** A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship. We gather in gratitude before our loving Creator and Sustainer. Let us approach God with purity of heart and reach out to each other with care and joy. 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.

We will **not** meet this evening for worship. See you next week.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Back to School Blessing update:** This year's event held on Saturday, August 12 was a huge success. Twelve-hundred backpacks were passed out to the needy children of the valley. In addition well over 2,000 pancakes and hot dogs were served along with orange juice. Over 70 children were served by the volunteer hairdressers and many more received tooth brushes, food and milk from the food bank, and donated clothing. Thank you to all who helped both physically and financially.

**OUR CHURCH EVENTS**

**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 – "Murder of the Priests" (I Samuel 22)  
 Sept. 10: "Living By the Word" (I Samuel 23)  
 Sept. 17: "David Spares Saul's Life" (I Samuel 24)

**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

Today you will have opportunity to sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, September 13. Servers are also needed. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can sign up and pick up a recipe. Monetary donations are accepted also. Any questions? Give Glenda Kok a call.

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

The **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.

**Ladies Night Out** will be held on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haggens' Café in Mount Vernon. Hope to see you there!

Leaders are needed for **Children & Worship and Sunday School**. Please let Tim or Heather Van Hofwegen know if you will be able to use your gifts that God has given in these areas.

#### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

**Youth Group** will begin on September 10 at 7:45 p.m. for all high schoolers. They meet in the Youth Group room in the Education Wing.

The **Executive Committee** will meet on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

## ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

**Donations for Neighbors in Need:** Today, you 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 and place them in the baskets located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

**The Ten Virgins:** When will the world come to an end? It's a question every generation asks. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 25 and discuss ancient cultural wedding practices to better understand what Jesus wanted us to know about salvation and what it means to wait for his return. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Dine N Dash:** Morrie invites Liz and Spike to a fancy restaurant, but do these three have the fine dining skills to fit in? And how can Morrie afford all this? Before they are done, lessons in conscience and confession are needed to help make this night unforgettable. 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.

**Urgent need for Hurricane Harvey Recovery:** After a week of unrelenting rain, World Renew Disaster Response Services is preparing to respond to catastrophic flooding in Texas from Hurricane Harvey. You can help homeowners who are struggling to return home, now and in the weeks and years to come, with your financial donation for World Renew DRS Hurricane Harvey response. Please give generously today online at [worldrenew.net/donate](http://worldrenew.net/donate), call 800-552-7972, or mail your check, designated Hurricane Harvey 2017, to World Renew, 1700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

**Mount Vernon Christian School Part-time Janitorial Help Needed:** The high school is looking for part-time janitorial help, about 4 hours in the late afternoon to early evening, Monday-Friday. This job can be for an individual or shared by a couple. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the high school at 360.424.9157 ext 101 or Darrick Hays at [dhays@mountvernonchristian.org](mailto:dhays@mountvernonchristian.org).

The 4th **Annual Homeless for a Night Fundraiser** for Family Promise of Skagit Valley will be held on Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 24 at 7:00 a.m. It will be held at Salem Lutheran Church. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Informational flyers about Family Promise can be found on the walkway shelf.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

Please sign up to walk or support the Crop Hunger Walk on October 1 at 2 PM 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. You may also give your gift to Darrel Lagerwey.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study at Shari's Restaurant
	7:00 pm	Evangelism Committee Meeting
THURS	7:00 pm	Ladies Night Out at Haggen's

### **NURSERY**

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

Johnna Van der Hoek, Kendall Van Zanten, Kennedy Donaldson

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

Shanna Visser, Kendall Van Zanten, Jordan Feddema

## **GREETERS**

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

Greg & Tish Ackermann

**AM:** Shirley Boonstra, Marjean De Groot, Randy & Peggy Burr

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

Rich & Elly Cuperus

**AM:** Alice De Vries, Grace Feddema, Brian Doss, Fred Folkertsma

## **USHERS**

***Today:*** Henry Hammingh, Henry Van Zanten Jr, Tim Van Hofwegen

***Next Week:*** Larry Greidanus, Tim Hibma, Wiebe Van der Hoek

## **SOUND SYSTEM**

***Today:*** Tim Hibma

***Next Week:*** Mardick Stevens

## **PROJECTION**

***Today AM:*** Nathan Van Beek

***Next Week:*** Josh Hammingh

## **VIDEO TAPING**

***Today:*** Mike Hibma

***Next Week:*** Brandon Speck

## **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

### ***Today:***

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Cody Hilsinger

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

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Beth Boon, Devin Van Zanten

## **LIBRARY:**

***Today:*** Joy Faber

***Next Week:*** Jean Rasmussen

## **COFFEE HOSTS**

***Today:*** Alice De Vries, Wayne & Rhea Doss, Les & Joy Faber

***Next Week:*** Katie Jungquist, Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Jill Klunder

## **VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

***Today:*** Jayne Hammingh, Josh Hammingh

***Next Week:*** Devin Van Zanten, Sylvia Van Zanten

## **MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

***Next Week:*** Katie Jungquist

Accompanist: Marjo Rouw

## **OFFERING: September 10, 2017**

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** Faith House for Women





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.

**PRAISE:**

Congratulations to **Darryl & Deb Schmidt** who are celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 4. May God continue to bless you in your marriage.

**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 our missionaries:** Marcia Bleeker in Chad, Africa, Kris & Becky Johnson in Albuquerque, NM, Joe Strong with Vida Nueva in Mount Vernon and Amor Viviente in Lynden, Jon & Trista Vander Wal in Papua New Guinea, and Naji Umran & Anne Zaki in Egypt.

**Candidacy Committee: 2017 candidates:** Pray for all the ministerial candidates who have been approved by Synod 2017 as eligible for call. As of August 1, 26 of the 76 approved have received and accepted a call. Pray for those who have assignments as they begin their ministry, and please continue praying for the 50 who are in discernment and seeking a call.

**Back to God Ministries International: India** - Praise God for answered prayer. Our Hindi ministry hosted 140 teachers for Summer Bible Camp and VBS leader training. Later 68 children participated in the camp, and more than 1,500 children from several states attended VBS in Ranchi, Jharkhand State. Parents, children, and volunteers worshiped God and learned how God helps us to "Stand Strong."

**Youth Unlimited: SERVE** - Pray that each participant who engaged with God through a week of SERVE this summer may continue to grow beyond their SERVE experience. Pray also that the 28 host congregations will continue the missional/community work begun during SERVE this year. Pray also for clarity for Youth Unlimited and local congregations as together we discern hosts for SERVE in 2018.

**Resonate Global Mission: Guatemala** - Our partners at the Center for Transforming Mission in Guatemala City ask for prayers for Synergy 2017; this year we want to gather a group of leaders who come from different spheres of our city. We want to promote collaboration and joint initiatives toward the social and spiritual renewal of Guatemala. Synergy will take place during the month of November 2017.

**Calvin Theological Seminary: New students** - This month we welcome new students from the U.S. and Canada and from around the world. Pray for the process and logistics of students and families moving, and ask for smooth transitions into the learning community, local church communities, and ministry opportunities.

**World Renew: South Sudan** - South Sudan and neighboring countries are facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the end of World War II. Conflict, displacement, drought, floods, and disease have left millions without the necessities to survive. World Renew's partner in South Sudan will be providing food to families while helping children to recover from malnutrition. Pray for healing and sustainability in this region.

***Resonate Global Mission: Mexico*** - Pray for a seminary graduate, Aurora Tlacotempa, who was taught by a CRC missionary. Along with her seminary education, she has a bachelor's degree in intervention education. She has been offered a scholarship toward a master's degree. Her goal is to serve Christ in a substance abuse and rehabilitation center. Ask the Lord to lead and bless her in the future.