

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

April 29, 2018

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

***“Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.”***

Prelude: Marjo Rouw

Sung Call to Worship: Bob De Groot & Sheri Link

“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in the Place”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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Welcome / Announcements

* Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**People: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us and we are his;

People: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

—Psalm 100, NIV

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* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #776:1-4 ***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"***

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
4. That Word above all earthly powers—
no thanks to them—abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read John 8:12

"Here I Am to Worship" LUYH # 567:1-2

1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain

*Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;
here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created,
all for love's sake became poor.

Refrain

Bridge

*I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.*

Refrain

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"10,000 Reasons" vs. 1-3

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

Worship Your holy name.

Worship Your holy name.

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***"Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear."***

God's Will for our Lives: Exodus 20:1-17

We Welcome New Members to our Church Family: Sheri Link & Family

Words of Assurance: Romans 14:7-9

Song of Thanksgiving: ***"This, My Only Comfort"*** Link Family
Congregation is invited to join in on chorus as they feel comfortable.

1. This, my only comfort in my life and in my death:
You have fully paid for all my sins and all my debts
Even when I struggle to believe:
With your precious blood you've set me free.

Chorus

*I am not my own but belong body and soul,
in my life and in death to you Lord, Christ my Lord.*

2. You preserve my life in such a way that without you
Not a hair can fall from me unless you will it to
Even when I'm lost in desperation
All things work together for my salvation.

Chorus

Heidelberg Catechism

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

- A. That I am not my own,¹ but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—² to my faithful Savior,
Jesus Christ.³ He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,⁴ and has set me free
from the tyranny of the devil.⁵ He also watches over me
in such a way⁶ that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷ in fact,
all things must work together for my salvation.⁸
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.¹⁰

¹ 1 Cor. 6:19-20; ² Rom. 14:7-9; ³ 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14; ⁴ 1 Pet. 1:18-19;
⁵ 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2; ⁶ John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11;
⁷ John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5; ⁸ Matt. 10:29-31;
Luke 21:16-18; ⁹ Rom. 8:28; ¹⁰ Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5;
Eph. 1:13-14; ¹⁰ Rom. 8:1-17

3. Therefore by your Holy Spirit you assure me
Of eternal life and make me willing and ready
Even when I can't see my way through
From now on to always live for you.

Chorus (2x)

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*Following the conclusion of this song children ages 3- 1st grade
are dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children's Worship.*

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Instrumental Ensemble

"Oh How I Love Jesus"

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #907 ***“Be Still and Know That I Am God”*** (2x)

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

Words: Psalm 46:10; arr. Norma de Waal Malefyt, 1992,
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“In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46 (pg. 559) Read by Caleb and Joel Link

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Being Still”***

Prayer of Application

***“Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.”***

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #451:1-4 ***“When Peace Like a River”***

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Refrain

*It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2. Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

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* God’s Blessing

*Parting Praise: LUYH #770:1-4 ***"In Christ Alone"***

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! Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy." Those are the words of the psalmist in Psalm 5:11. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, we welcome you and we invite you to "be glad" with us about God's goodness and mercy. Let us "ever sing for joy" and praise God with profoundly grateful hearts. 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.

At **4:00 p.m.** today we are hosting a community wide hymn sing. Come and sing many of your favorite hymns. Refreshments will be served following the hymn sing.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today we welcome **Sheri Link** with her 3 children, **Kiera, Caleb, and Joel** as members. May God continue to bless them as they serve among us.

On Sunday, May 13, we look forward to witnessing the baptism of **Jameson Vega Kuipers**, son of Darin & Michelle Kuipers.

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **March—April 2018**. 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.

MARCH - APRIL 2018 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	Jill Klunder
Dave V	Sally Reehoorn
Greg A	Jim & Michele Feddema
Greg A	Clarence & Eleanor Klunder
Greg B	Keith & Jean Rasmussen
Greg B	Case Lanting
Henry H	Kevin & Glenda Kok
Henry H	Marjean De Groot
Darrel L	Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen
Darrel L	Hans & Aileen Meischke
Pastor John	Dave Visser
Pastor John	Michelle De Kok
Dennis D	Shirley Boonstra
Dennis D	Hank & Anjean Vander Veen

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Friendship House Update: On November 10, 2010, our church served its first dinner at Friendship House. Since then, we have been there the second Wednesday of every month, serving, until recently, an average of 80 people each time which works out to well over 7200 meals! This would not have been possible without the generous hands of many of you preparing the delicious casseroles and desserts. I wish all of you could personally experience the heartfelt appreciation we do as we dish up the plates and hand them to the grateful recipients. We hear “thank you so much for doing this” and “God bless you” repeatedly and often get asked “Who makes all this food?” We are very happy to tell them! They seem to be amazed that complete strangers would be willing to do this for them. This is a much-needed, important ministry but things have changed both in our church and in our community causing new challenges to arise. We have seen over the past few months a rather sudden and large jump in the number of people coming in for a hot meal while, due to various circumstances, the core of cooks in our congregation preparing the meals has shrunk. The need in our community has grown so consequently, so has the need for people in our church to step up and allow this ministry to continue. Ways to address the new challenges are currently being considered but, in the meantime, today is a sign up Sunday. Please consider sharing the load by picking up a pan and recipe.

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

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Genesis. You are welcome to join us.

GEMS will meet on Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. for their Mother / Daughter event.

Copies of the May/June **Today** devotional are available for you to pick up from the walkway shelf.

ADVANCED NOTICES

The **Worship Committee** will meet on Monday, May 7 at 6:45 p.m.

The **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Monday, May 7 at 8:00 p.m.

Golden Hour will end their year with a salad luncheon on Wednesday, May 9 at 12:30 p.m. Please bring a salad to share.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

God's Church Seeks Biblical Justice: What is the role of the Church in seeking justice? How do we balance our calling to save souls with our justice calling? Join Groundwork as we study John 1:5, Acts 6:1-7, and Galatians 6:9-10 to learn what it means for us as God's church to seek biblical justice. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

An Exceptional Experiment: Chamy chooses to study Liz to discover how to live the Christian life. Can Liz show Chamy how to live out the Bible in all he does? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 1!" Can you figure out all eleven Kids Corner Bible puzzles? Have fun as you learn about God's big story! www.kidscorner.net.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

National Day of Prayer: Skagit County's National Day of Prayer event will take place on Thursday, May 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the county courthouse at 205 West Kincaid St. The main purpose of the event is to encourage the Christian community to intercede for our country's leaders and its families. The MVC school choir will be singing and the 4th grade class will be participating. Congregational members are encouraged to attend.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	4:00 pm	Hymnspiration
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	7:00 pm	Elder & Deacon Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study at Shari's
	6:30 pm	GEMS Mother / Daughter Event
THURS	12:00 pm	National Day of Prayer

NURSERY

Today: AM Infants & Toddlers

Pam Van Zanten, Kayla Van Hofwegen, Jordan Feddema

Next Week: AM Infants & Toddlers

Michelle Kuipers, Cody Hilsinger, Devin Van Zanten

GREETERS

Today - AM Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus

AM: Jim & Michele Feddema, Larry & Maxine Greidanus

Next Week - AM Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Katie Jungquist, Martha Haarsma, John & Dena Klunder

USHERS

Today: Henry Van Zanten Jr., Kendall Van Zanten, Larry Greidanus

Next Week: Henry Hammingh, Tim Hibma, Wiebe Van der Hoek

SOUND SYSTEM

Today AM: Tim Hibma

Next Week AM: Kendall Van Zanten

PROJECTION

Today AM: Kendall Van Zanten

Next Week AM: Tim Hibma

VIDEO TAPING

Today AM: DJ Droog

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today AM:

Teacher: Julie Houck

Assistants: Monica Droog, Hannah Van Hofwegen

Next Week AM:

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Shanna Visser, Josh Hammingh

COFFEE HOSTS

Today AM: Marinus & Jill Rouw, Mardick & Jill Stevens, Minne & Trudy Van der Hoek

Next Week AM: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol, Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Vida Nueva

Next Week: Jayne Hammingh, Sunee Lagerwey

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Henry Hammingh

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

OFFERING: May 6, 2018

AM: General Fund

PM: Northwest Hispanic Ministry (Joe Strong)



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.

NEW CONCERNS:

Larry Greidanus planned to have a ventricular pacemaker put in on Friday, April 27. Assuming the procedure took place, pray for complete healing & strength for Larry in the days ahead.

Praise God that **Les Faber's** back surgery went well this past Tuesday. He will be undergoing a lot of rehab in the days/weeks ahead and so please pray that it will be effective. Pray for a full and swift recovery!

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Chris Van Sweden continues to be at Mira Vista undergoing rehab for multiple physical challenges. Pray for strength and healing for Chris.

Juli Oostra is at home gaining her strength. Pray that her platelet levels continue to hold at a healthy level and pray for relief from the side effects caused by the medications.

Pray for those who have recently lost a loved one.

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, **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 family in Grandview, WA; **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Chris Van Sweden** at Mira Vista in Mount Vernon, and **Rena Wester** at the Lynden Manor.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Keep Karissa (Gerrit Van Klaveren's fiancé) in your prayers. She was diagnosed with (APL) Acute Promyelocytic this past week. Pray that the treatments will be successful. Please continue to pray for Karissa, Gerrit and our families as we navigate this new hurdle in life.

GEMS Girls Clubs: GEMS Sunday - GEMS Clubs across North America will (or have already) be hosting a GEMS Sunday service for their congregations. Pray that girls will gain a deeper understanding of God's love as they share what they've been learning. Pray also for maximum impact as we prepare to launch GEMS ReFresh (our new online training) and gear up for our Annual Leadership Conference to be held in Hamilton, Ont., July 13-15.

World Renew: Bangladesh - Although news stories have subsided, the Rohingya refugee crisis continues in Bangladesh. Shelters in the refugee camp are constructed merely of bamboo and plastic wrap, raising concerns as the monsoon season approaches. In collaboration with partner agencies, World Renew continues to provide food within the camp. Ask God to protect and care for these refugees in Bangladesh.

Urban Aboriginal Ministries: Community and staff - Pray for the community served by the Indigenous Family Centre, that the children may grow up feeling safe in strong, loving families. Pray that the staff may have the energy, wisdom, and discernment they need in order to help with the needs of community members.

Back to God Ministries International: Indonesia - Thank God for 40 new listener communities throughout Indonesia, including two new communities in East Sumba, where 50 Merapuan indigenous religion followers are learning to follow Jesus. Pray also for four new community groups in which over 125 people are gathering to discuss the messages in our devotional booklets. May this outreach draw more people to become Christ-followers.

Resonate Global Mission: The Tapestry, Vancouver, B.C. - Michael Yang serves as a pastoral intern at one of the Tapestry's new church plants, The Tapestry Marpole. Pray for wisdom for Michael as he prepares for a call to ministry after completing his M.Div. program. Pray that through his internship he will grow in his understanding of service and neighborhood engagement.

World Renew: Nepal - In summer 2017, floods, landslides, and torrential rains caused severe damage to communities in Nepal, causing hundreds of fatalities and displacing families. Many had severe property damage as well. World Renew continues to provide emergency supplies while helping to build permanent shelters for 100 families. Please ask God to provide for the struggling families in Nepal.

Back to God Ministries International: China - Pray for a subscriber to our Be Thou My Rhythm app. She asks us to join her in prayer: "Dear Jesus, please purify my heart so that I can share your gospel with my family and friends around me, that they can also be your children and the people of your kingdom."