

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Guest Pastor: Jeff Droog

January 28, 2018

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

Prelude: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome / Announcements

*** Call to Worship - The Word with God: Based on John 1:1-2**

Leader: O God of creation, who was before there was . . .

**People: We gather to praise your holy name and to
celebrate the revelation of yourself to us.**

Leader: O God of light and life, who was before there was . . .

**People: It is through your true Light that we are able to
see the truth of your saving love.**

Leader: O God of silence and sound, who was before there was . . .

**People: We thank you for your eternal Word, who speaks
to us in our acts of worship.**

Leader: O God of time and eternity, who was before there was . . .

People: Come afresh, come anew, come again, come now. O come, O come, Immanuel!

*** 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**

*** Opening Hymns of Praise**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" GPH #355:1-3

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this. Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: German/Latin, medieval; tr. John M. Neale, 1853, alt;
Tune: German, 14th cent.

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" GPH #100:1-4

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice!
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he comes to feed, the sheep who by his hand were made.
3. O enter then his gates with joy, within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ, O bless and magnify his name.
4. Because the Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood and shall from age to age endure.

Text: Psalm 100; vers. William Kethe, 1561, alt. Tune: Louis Bourgeois, 1551; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985.
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Call to Confession

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:17

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek
God's pardon and peace.

[Silence]

**People: Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed. We
have not loved you with all our heart. We have
not loved others as Christ loves us. We are truly
sorry. In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we
shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory and praise of your name.
Amen.**

—Church of Wales, Alternative Order for Morning Prayer

Words of Assurance

May God our Father, who by our Lord Jesus Christ has reconciled the world
to himself and forgives the sins of all who truly repent, pardon and deliver you
from all your sins, and grant you the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

—Church of Wales, Alternative Order for Morning Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation: GPH #370:1-4 **"The King of Glory Comes"**

Refrain

*The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

1. Who is the King of glory? What shall we call Him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain

2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among His people, curing their illness.

Refrain

3. He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
He took upon himself the sin of the nations.

Refrain

4. He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.

Refrain

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*During the singing of the last verse children ages
3-1st grade are dismissed for children and worship.*

Scripture Reading: Bible

Prayer for Understanding

Message: **"Belonging, Our DNA"**

Prayer of Application

* Song of Application: GPH #315:1,2,3 & 6

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fear, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
6. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1782 P.D.; Tune: attr. Johann G. Nægeli, 1828 P.D.

Offering: General Fund

* God's Blessing

* Closing Song: GPH #316:1-4 **"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

1. God be with you till we meet again,
by His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.
2. God be with you till we meet again,
'neath His wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.
3. God be with you till we meet again,
when life's perils thick confound you,
put His arms unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.
4. God be with you till we meet again,
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

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Welcome to the Lord's house. May your soul be restored; may your cup overflow; may you experience God's goodness and mercy (Psalm 23). 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.

We welcome **Jeff Droog** as he leads us in our morning worship today. We pray for our hearts to be open to God's Spirit working in us.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

FAMILY VISITING: The following is the family visiting schedule for **January—February 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 Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

January - February 2018 Family Visits		
Elder	Deacon	Family
Dave V	Mardick S	Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy
Dave V	Mardick S	Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten
Greg A	Rich K	Elaine Hammingh
Greg A	Rich K	Jeanette, Ed & Fred Folkertsma
Greg B	Jim F	Rich Knight
Greg B	Jim F	Alice De Vries
Henry H	Randy B	Bob & Andy Pippel
Henry H	Randy B	Dennis & Melba De Kok
Darrel L	Hank VZ	Grace Feddema
Darrel L	Hank VZ	Wilma De Boer
Pastor John	Brian VB	Duane & Trudy Van Dyke
Pastor John	Brian VB	Martha Haarsma
Dennis D	Brad DK	Todd Klunder
Dennis D	Brad DK	Darin & Michelle Kuipers

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin this New Year we return to our study of Ephesians, which is essentially a miniature doctrine of the Church. Whereas the first half of Paul's letter focuses on the *nature* of the Church and its *purpose* – the second half deals more with the practical ways in which God's purpose is fulfilled in the Church. Unity, maturity, personal renewal etc. was not only important to the spiritual health of the early believers, but is just as important for us today. May God bless us as we continue our study in the weeks ahead.

In Christ,

Pastor John

January 7: Growing in Spiritual Maturity in Unity Together—Eph. 4:1-16

January 14: Putting Off the Old and Being Made New – Eph. 4:17-24

January 21: Characteristics of the Renewed Life—Eph. 4:25-32

February 4: Imitators of God – Eph. 5:1-7

February 11: Children of Light – Eph. 5:8-21

Council Nominations: In the coming weeks and months the nominating committee will begin their work towards selecting new council members for the 2018-2019 church year. This year there is the need to select 3 new elders and 3 new deacons. We realize this is a higher number than usual. However, we also believe there are more than enough eligible and gifted individuals who can serve. If possible, we would like to fill each position. The council requests that all congregational members be in prayer for the process itself. Pray too that God makes it clear to us as a congregation whom He is calling to serve. If you have any questions regarding the work of the council or the process itself, please don't hesitate to contact current council president Greg Boon, or clerk Dennis De Kok.

The **Youth Group** will meet at 7:45 p.m. this evening in the Education Wing.

Blood Draw: A blood draw will be held on Monday, January 29, from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (closed from 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at Emmanuel Baptist Church in the Fireside Room. Please donate and save a life.

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Golden Hour will meet on Wednesday, **January 31** at 1:30 p.m. for their next meeting. We will study Jonah 1:4-16.

We are having a **Safe Church Training** event for all church volunteers in our youth programs. Join us as we talk about guidelines for keeping our youth safe on Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m., here at church. Please **sign-up** in the Fellowship Hall during the next couple weeks. The nursery is available upon request if needed for the 31st meeting. All are welcome, and those who volunteer with Children & Worship, GEMS, Cadets, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Nursery volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend. Jayne Hammingh and Dennis DeKok will provide more information for you as we get closer to the January 31 meeting. You are welcome to ask Jayne and Dennis questions in advance if you desire.

The **GEMS Sleepover** will be held this Friday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Our **Church Potluck** will be held on Sunday, February 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 **Worship Committee** will meet on Monday, February 5 at 6:45 p.m.

The **Evangelism Committee** will meet on February 5 at 8:00 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Revelation. You are welcome to join us.

Small Group Ministry will meet on Friday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pastor John & Brooke Knoester.

The **Youth Group** will be hosting a Valentine's babysitting night fundraiser on **Friday, February 16th from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** here at First CRC. We will feed them dinner and have plenty of fun activities for them to do. Please invite your friends and family to bring their children and R.S.V.P either to one of the youth group members or on the sign-up sheet in the annex.

Save the Date: Take a moment to mark **Friday, March 9** on your 2018 calendar! This will be the date of the 1st Annual **"Taste of Italy Night"** at First CRC! Think you have a good lasagna recipe or Italian entree? Do you love a great salad? Are you ready to test your Italian cooking skills against a bunch of other wanna-be Italians? If so, then begin making your recipe plans now. Various awards and prizes will be given for the best-tasting lasagna, most delicious salad, etc.. Just imagine layer upon layer of soft buttery pasta with the delicious combination of juicy seasoned tomatoes mixed with ground meat perfectly seasoned with softened onions with just the right amount of cottage cheese - all mixed perfectly together with hot, cheesy mozzarella cheese topped with a crunchy Parmesan cheese crust. ... Are you hungry yet!?

A Denominational Safe Training Event will be held at First Christian Reformed Church in Mount Vernon on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17. A flyer is posted on the bulletin boards. You are encouraged to attend. For more information you may contact Jayne Hammingh, Dennis De Kok, or Pastor John.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Donations for Neighbors in Need: Next week, February 4, 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.

Growth through Controversy: Whenever we're confronted with something new, we're forced to consider and re-evaluate the legitimacy of what we know. Join Groundwork as we study Acts 15 to see how God works to create growth as the early church believers discern their way through controversy. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Lost and Found: PART 1 - Linda lives out the three parables of Luke 15 when she helps Granny find a lost ring, helps Grandpa find his lost chick, and watches Granny forgive Liz for his selfish behavior. Free Stuff: KC invites you to print off our set of valentine cards, each featuring a favorite Bible passage.

From Resonate Global Mission: Year-Long Mission Opportunity in Central America - Spend a year learning about what mission work looks like today by living in one of five Central American countries along with other North Americans and Central Americans. You'll take part in hands-on ministry based on your gifts. Visit resonateglobalmission.org/Cohort for more information or to sign-up!

From World Renew: Group Volunteer Overseas - Are you a compassionate, respectful, and adaptable person who would like to volunteer overseas with others who have common interests? With World Renew's Global Volunteer Program, you will get an authentic cultural experience and learn about the deep history and traditions that define the life of an international community. To find out more, email Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	6:30 pm	Evening Service
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	12:00 pm	Blood Drive at Emmanuel Baptist Church
	7:00 pm	Elders & Deacons Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	1:30 am	Golden Hour
	7:00 pm	Safe Church Training Event
FRI	6:30 pm	GEMS Sleepover

NURSERY

Today: AM Infants & Toddlers

Briana Vander Kooy, Josie Droog, Trevor Blom

Next Week: AM Infants & Toddlers

Julie Speck, Kennedy Donaldson, Hannah Van Hofwegen

GREETERS

Today - AM Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Kevin & Glenda Kok, Darin & Michelle Kuipers

Next Week - AM Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Joe & Annette LeClair

USHERS

Today: Kermit Houck, Henry Van Zanten, Jr., Tim Van Hofwegen

Next Week: Darin Kuipers, Kendall Van Zanten, Larry Greidanus

SOUND SYSTEM

Today AM: Mardick Stevens

Next Week AM: Matt De Groot

PROJECTION

Today AM: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week AM: Devin Van Zanten

VIDEO TAPING

Today AM: Brandon Speck

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today AM:

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistants: Johnna Van der Hoek, Emma Droog

Next Week AM:

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Broke Knoester, Kera Boon

COFFEE HOSTS

Today AM:

Alice De Vries, Katie Jungquist, John & Dena Klunder

Next Week AM: None-Church Potluck

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Marjean De Groot, Alice De Vries

Next Week: Jayne Hammingh, Brooke Knoester

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

Next Week: Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: Henry Hammingh Accompanist: Marjo Rouw

OFFERING: February 4, 2018

AM: General Fund **PM:** Partners Relief & Development

6:30 P.M. Worship Service
Led by Greg Boon

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Kayla Van Hofwegen

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" LUYH #610

"Amazing Grace" LUYH #691:1-3

"O God, You Are My God" LUYH #743

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 46 Q&A 120-121

Q. 120 Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

A. At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer—the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father.

**Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life;
God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith.¹**

¹ Matt. 7:9-11; Luke 11:11-13

Q. 121 Why the words "in heaven"?

A. These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly,¹ and to expect everything for body and soul from his almighty power.²

¹ Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-25

² Matt. 6:25-34; Rom. 8:31-32

Scripture Readings: Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 8:12-17

Message: ***"Our Father, in Heaven"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Skagit Valley Young Life

Song of Application: LUYH #23:1-4 ***"Children of the Heavenly Father"***

* 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@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW CONCERNS:

Please pray for **Beverly Van Slageren**, as she had a heart attack this past Thursday. Pray for wisdom for the doctors, healing and God's peace to surround Beverly and her family at this time.

Duane Van Dyke has returned from the hospital to his home at Where the Heart Is. He is currently under Hospice Care. Duane is getting weaker each day. Pray for strength for Trudy as he stands beside him and cares for him. May they feel the Lord's presence with them.

We praise God that **Tish Ackermann's** foot surgery went well this past week Monday. **Greg** himself is also still recovering from his E. coli infection and is not yet 100%. Please continue to keep both of them in your prayers in the days to come.

We extend our condolences to **Sally Reehorn** in the passing away of her younger brother Mike De Vries due to complications from colon cancer. Mike lived in Tacoma and services will likely be held there. Please pray for Sally and for the entire De Vries as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Continue to remember those in your prayers who have recently lost loved ones.

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 family in Grandview, WA; **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.

CONTINUING CONCERNS:

Continue to pray for **Kyle Donaldson** and that the VNS therapy device that he had inserted recently will help control his seizures with less medication.

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

ServiceLink: Volunteers - Being a servant does not come easy. But the ultimate example of how God calls us to serve him and others has been provided: the more we become like Christ, the more we become true servants. Pray that we may all follow God's servant heart in this new year.

Coffee Break: Spanish resources - Spanish speakers in New Jersey, Florida, and Mexico ask for Discover Your Bible studies in Spanish. Pray for Coffee Break Ministry leaders as they work to support global small group leaders in many languages with quality Bible study materials for evangelism and discipleship.

Pastor Church Resources: New resource impact - The Pastors' Spiritual Vitality Toolkit is a new resource available for pastors seeking to enrich their faith and relationship with God. A recent study shows that such practices are key to a pastor's well-being. Please pray that this resource will help nurture pastors as they develop life-enriching rhythms and practices.

Resonate Global Mission: Nicaragua - Resonate partners with Nicaragua Christian Academy and Tesoros de Dios to serve children with disabilities. Andrew and Ruth Ippel ask for prayers for peace, energy, and endurance as parents of children with disabilities seek to love their children well in a country without many needed services. Pray for a strengthened community among parents experiencing similar joys and struggles in life.

GEMS Girls' Clubs: Worldwide - Please pray for GEMS clubs meeting in churches, home schools, African huts, and rural schools everywhere, that girls may continuously experience God's love through the women who mentor them. Pray also for GEMS staff as they explore and implement new ways to mentor and train the 4,400 women who serve girls globally through GEMS Girls' Clubs.

Back to God Ministries International: Brazil - Praise God for the many volunteers who work on behalf of BTGMI throughout the world, spreading the gospel. Pray especially for Edione, a longtime volunteer with our Portuguese ministry in Brazil. She recently suffered a stroke. Our ministry team in Brazil asks for prayers for her healing.

Resonate Global Mission: West Africa - Pray for the Fulani believers' kawrital (meeting) and discipleship event planned for the end of this month. Pray also that the security situation in the region will not impede participants' travels from across the country for this event.