

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

**Guest Pastor: David Snapper**

**July 29, 2018**

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

**\* Please rise in body or in spirit.**

***“Speak, O Lord, as we come to you”***

***Led by Greg Ackermann***

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome / Announcements

**\* Call to Worship: Psalm 148:1-5**

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights above.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters  
above the skies.
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.

**\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #575:1-4 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”***

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul praise him, for he is your help and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near.  
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
is wondrously reigning,  
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper  
your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
as with his love he befriends you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.;

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\* Scriptural Greeting

\* We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Psalm 67:1-7

**"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.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., P.D.; Music: J. Wyeth's  
*Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813, P.D.; CCLI # 678905

Read Matthew 5:1-5

**"Blest Are They"** LUYH #117:1-2, 4-5

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.

*Refrain*

*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.*

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill.

*Refrain*

4. Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
the glory of God is theirs.

*Refrain*

5. Blest are you who suffer hate,  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see.

*Refrain*

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***“To receive the food of your holy Word.”***  
***Led by Greg Ackermann***

Invitation to Transformed Living

Call to Confession:

Leader: This is the message we have heard  
from him and declare to you:  
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

**People: If we claim to have fellowship with him  
yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not  
live by the truth.  
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus, his Son,  
purifies us from all sin.**

—1 John 1:5-7, NIV

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Communal Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**People: Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my supplications!

**People: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?**

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

**People: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD  
there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.  
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. —*Psalm 130, NRSV*  
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Words of Assurance:

Leader: To all who turn from sin in sorrow,  
to all who turn to God in hope,  
this is God's Word of grace:  
We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.  
This gift we have from God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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God's Will for Our Lives:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

—*Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV*

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Time of Prayer

Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #745:1-2 ***"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"***

1. Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit!  
How I need your help divine!  
In the way of life eternal,  
keep, O keep this heart of mine.

*Refrain*

*Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit,  
gracious Teacher, Friend divine!  
For the kingdom work that calls me,  
O prepare this heart of mine.*

2. Grant to me your sacred presence;  
then my faith will ne'er decline.  
Comfort me and help me onward;  
fill with love this heart of mine.

*Refrain*

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*During the singing of the last verse, children ages 3-first  
grade are dismissed to the Koinonia room for Children & Worship.*

***"Take you truth, plant it deep in us;"***

***Led by Pastor Dave Snapper***

Scripture Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 (pg. 135) Read by Trevor Blom

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"How Blessings Improve Life"***

Outline:

1. The blessing of God changes the rules of the world.
2. The blessing of God change our thinking about the world.
3. The blessing of God change our feelings about the world.

4. The blessing of God change our action in the world.
5. The blessing of God changes the results of our lives.

Prayer of Application

***“Shape and fashion us in your likeness.”***

***Led by Pastor Dave Snapper***

\* We Profess our Faith: Our World Belongs to God - Articles 1 and 2 (GH pg. 1019)

Pastor: As followers of Jesus Christ,<sup>1</sup>  
living in this world—  
which some seek to control,  
but which others view with despair—<sup>2</sup>  
We declare with joy and trust:  
Our world belongs to God.<sup>3</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Psalm 103:19-22; <sup>2</sup>Psalm 4:6; <sup>3</sup>Psalm 24:1

**People: From the beginning,<sup>1</sup>  
through all the crises of our times,  
until his kingdom fully comes,<sup>2</sup>  
God keeps covenant forever.  
Our world belongs to him!<sup>3</sup>  
God is King! Let the earth be glad!  
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!  
The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation.  
Praise the Lord!**  
<sup>1</sup>Psalm 145; <sup>2</sup>Romans 11:33-36; <sup>3</sup>Revelation 4-5

\* Song of Application: LUYH #559:1-3 ***“Ten Thousand Reasons”***

*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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\* Benediction

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #947 ***"We Receive Your Blessing"***

We receive Your blessing; we receive Your grace,  
as we walk in the light shining from Your face.  
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.  
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

*Repeat Song*

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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\* Postlude

***Welcome!*** The prophet Isaiah proclaimed: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). We welcome all who are present today, and invite everyone to drink of Christ's "living water," which can quench our spiritual thirstiness forever. 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 ***Pastor David Snapper***, a retired pastor from Silverdale, WA, as he leads us in our morning service. On August 5, ***Pastor Erik Kamp*** will lead our morning service. The evening service today will be led by ***Elder Greg Boon***.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

***Bloodwork's Northwest*** thanks those who came and donated blood this past Monday. They apologize for closing early that day due to the warm temperature in the Fellowship hall.

***FAMILY VISITING:*** The following is the family visiting schedule for ***June—July 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 Van Zanten at 360-707-7490.

<b>June—July 2018 Family Visits</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Family</b>
Dave V	Adrianna Swanson
Dave V	Marjo Rouw
Kevin K	Henry & Pam Van Zanten
Kevin K	Greg & Tish Ackermann
Henry VZ	Pastor John & Brooke Knoester
Henry VZ	Sue & Eliot Blom
Tim VH	Terry & Joni Beezhold
Tim VH	Alyssa Ackermann
Darrel L	Wilma Paul
Darrel L	Karen Staat
Pastor John	Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren
Pastor John	Rich & Elly Cuperus
Dennis D	Mardy & Kristine Stevens
Dennis D	Kermit & Julie Houck

### **OUR CHURCH EVENTS**

Today you will have opportunity to sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, August 8. 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 **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

Our **Church Potluck** will be held on Sunday, August 5 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 **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Genesis. You are welcome to join us.

The **Back to School Blessing Event** is being planned for August 11 at Skagit Valley College. Multiple churches in the county are involved in this ministry. Volunteers are needed staging the materials on Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Community Fellowship and on Thursday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Community Fellowship they will put the supplies in the backpacks. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event, August 11 at 7:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall.

### **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

**Is God Punishing Me?** So often when we experience times of suffering we long to know why and seek biblical explanations. Join Groundwork in studying Job 4-8 to examine and test against scripture the most common questions many of us wrestle with as we try to explain and understand experiences of suffering. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**No Star Baseball:** Liz and Scooter manage to lose Grandpa's prized baseball. What can they do to make it right? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 2!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Bible puzzles? [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

**World Renew:** It's not too late--help refugees before July 31 - Imagine living in tents during weeks of rain, without access to a kitchen (with a latrine a hike away). This is the daily reality of thousands of Rohingya refugees living outside of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. You can help. Please donate \$10 or more via our partner, One Day's Wages, by the NEW deadline, July 31, to have your donation matched 1:1 for this critical emergency response. Go to [onedayswages.com/worldrenew](http://onedayswages.com/worldrenew) to give today.

**Overseas Volunteers:** 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](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net).

**Volunteers** are needed to help a church plant in Seattle get ready an old chapel building for services beginning in September. Jobs range from cleaning (there's a lot of this), to hauling away junk, to yard work, painting (a lot of this), and other projects that would require more skilled labor. As of now, we're planning on two days of service which will be on August 25 and September 8. If anyone is interested in participating in a day of service in Seattle, please call Mardick Stevens, Pastor John, or the church office if you are interested in volunteering.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Save the Date:** The **Skagit Crop Hunger Walk** is being planned for Sunday, September 30, at 2:00 PM, kicking off from the Mount Vernon Christian School. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events that bring people together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world. For more information go to [crophungerwalk.orgmountvernonwa](http://crophungerwalk.orgmountvernonwa)

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

SUN	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
MON	7:00 pm	Elder's & Deacon's Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva

#### **NURSERY**

**Today: Infants & Toddlers**

Beth Boon, Carson Blom, Kennedy Donaldson

**Next Week: Infants & Toddlers**

Pam Van Zanten, Trevor Blom, Kaeli Houck

#### **GREETERS**

**Today - Rovers:** Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**AM:** Brian Doss, Fred Folkertsma, Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp

**Next Week - Rovers:** Larry &

Margaret Vander Pol

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

#### **USHERS**

**Today:** Tim Hibma, Henry

Hammingh, Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

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

#### **SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:** Tim Hibma

**Next Week:** Tim Hibma



**PROJECTION**

**Today:** Kendall Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Devin Van Zanten

**VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** Mike Hibma

**Next Week:** DJ Droog

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

**Today:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Briana Vander Kooy, Hannah Van Hofwegen

**Next Week:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Josh Hammingh

**COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** Dennis & Melba De Kok, Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jeannette Folkertsma

**Next Week:** Church Potluck

**VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Vida Nueva

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

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Next Week:** Henry Hammingh

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

**OFFERING:** August 5, 2018

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** Friendship House

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

Pianist: Shirley Boonstra

Welcome / Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Dennis De Kok

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

**"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"** LUYH #347:1 (2x)

**"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"** LUYH #405:1-4

Message: **"Cultivating a Missional Imagination"**

Time of Prayer

Offering: Denominational Ministry Shares

Song of Application: LUYH #301:1,3-6

**"How Blest are Those Who Fear the Lord"**

\* 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](mailto:secretary@firstcrmv.com) by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

*Trudy Van Dyke* continues to be at Mira Vista recuperating from foot surgery. Pray for healing for Trudy.

*Trudy Van der Hoek* continues with treatment for breast cancer and a brain tumor. Continue to pray for Minne and Trudy as she travels this road.

**SHUT INS:**

*Nell Annema* at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; *Wilma De Boer* at Creekside in Burlington; *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; and *Rena Wester* at the Lynden Manor.

**PRAISES:**

*Juli Oostrá's* platelet counts have increased enough to be considered at a safe level. She will continue with medication for the next few months to keep her platelet counts up and within a healthy platelet range. We praise God that she has responded positively to medication and continue to pray for minimal side effects.

Congratulations to *Wayne & Rhea Doss* as they celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 3 and to *Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp* who will celebrate 57 years of marriage on August 4. We thank God for His faithfulness and for blessing them with many years together.

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

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

Praise and thanksgiving to God for sparing the life of my grandson, *David Gorter*, 22, who fell from Rattlesnake Ledge near North Bend in Friday night, July 20. He suffered several crushed or fractured vertebrae and a fractured sternum. He is now out of ICU after two surgeries and will have inpatient rehab in about a week. God is good! *Shirley Boonstra*

**OTHER CONCERNS:**

Pray for the *church plant* in Seattle that is planning a work party on August 25 and September 8. Pray that people will volunteer to help.

**Back to God Ministries International: Spanish-language ministry** - Praise God for the ways he has worked in the marriage of a couple who follow our Spanish media ministry. "The idea that marriage is a 'total happiness state' has been sold by media," they write. "But your series helped us enter into matrimony with our eyes open." Pray that this couple will put Christ at the center of their marriage and continue to grow in their relationship.

**Coffee Break: Spanish-speaking ministry** - Coffee Break is taking root in Spanish-speaking congregations in North America. Pray for a Spanish Discover Your Bible workshop taking place Aug. 2-3 in New Jersey. Pray that many people will meet Jesus through God's Word in Spanish-speaking congregations and small groups.

**Resonate Global Mission: Mission Montreal** - After describing the fruit of the Spirit to the churches in Galatia, the apostle Paul writes, "Behave in ways in keeping with the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25). Pray for Resonate's partner Mission Montreal as the team follows Jesus into the city's secular settings. Ask God to guide them in their discernment and work.

***Diaconal Ministries Canada: Operation Manna*** - We are grateful for churches across Canada who prayerfully and financially support our Operation Manna (OM) program, which helps churches start or grow a sustainable, community ministry. Please pray for our OM partners as they work to show and share the love of Christ to many.

***World Renew: Uganda*** - For some people, working intense-labor jobs is not an option due to health reasons. World Renew and a partner, the Nebbi Diocese of the Church of Uganda, have worked to administer community self-help groups for people who face challenges like this. We thank God for the encouragement and resources he is providing in Uganda.

***Back to God Ministries International: Brazil*** - Michelangelo recently wrote to our Portuguese ministry team, “I was impressed with your words today on Facebook, and I identified with them a lot. I don’t attend any church, but I am a Christian, and I believe in God.” Pray that Michelangelo will find a community of believers to help him grow in faith and in knowing God.

***Resonate Global Mission: Freedom*** - “A lot of good has happened globally in the past seventy years,” writes Renita Reed-Thompson, a missionary in Kenya. Pray that our world will continue to strive toward being globally and community minded—that all humans will have fundamental freedoms and rights, such as the freedom to worship God.