

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

“Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;”

Prelude: Jill Klunder

Welcome/Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

Leader: King Jesus comes, King Jesus,
Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.

People: Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Leader: Recall the words of the Scriptures:
“A great crowd who had come to the feast
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
So they took branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him, crying, ‘Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
even the King of Israel!’”

**People: In praise we adore you, King Jesus.
Enter our hearts today
as you entered Jerusalem long ago,
and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.**

—based on John 12:13

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*** Opening Hymn of Praise: GH #375:1-3 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

1. All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David’s royal Son,
now in the Lord’s name coming, the King and Blessed One.
2. The company of angels is praising you on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
3. To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt.; Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1615;
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*** God’s Greeting / We Greet Each Other**

Ministry of Music: Sunday School Students

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LUYH #145:1-3

Verse 1: **Sunday School Students**

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

All Sing

2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

All Sing

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Words: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, P.D.; Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, P.D.; CCLI #678905

"We Have a King"

1. We have a King who rides a donkey,
we have a King who rides a donkey,
we have a King who rides a donkey,
and His name is Jesus.

Chorus

*Jesus the King is risen, Jesus the King is risen,
Jesus the King is risen early in the morning.*

2. Trees are waving a royal welcome,
trees are waving a royal welcome,
trees are waving a royal welcome,
for the King called Jesus.
3. We have a King who cares for people,
we have a King who cares for people,
we have a King who cares for others,
and His name is Jesus.
4. We have a King with a bowl and towel,
we have a King with a bowl and towel,
we have a King with a bowl and towel,
Servant King is Jesus.
5. What shall we do with our life this morning?
What shall we do with our life this morning?
What shall we do with our life this morning?
Give it up in Service!

Chorus

*Jesus the King is risen, Jesus the King is risen,
Jesus the King is risen early in the morning.*

Author: Fred Kaan, 1968 Hope Publishing Company, CCLI# 678905

***“Through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.”***

Children’s Message: Led by Marjo Rouw

*Following the children’s message children
ages 3-1st grade are excused for Children and Worship.*

Offering: General Fund

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #149:1-4

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
with palms and scattered garments strewn.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
o’er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The host of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

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***“To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,”***

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9 (pg. 944); Matthew 21:1-11 (pg. 977)
Read by Bob & Marty Hitchcock

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Into Jerusalem”***

Time of Prayer

***“The children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.”***

* Songs of Application: LUYH #144:1,4,5,6,7

“Lift Up the Gates Eternal”

Refrain

*Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices;
the King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.*

1. See, all the earth is God's, its people and nations;
God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations.
4. Come, lift your voices high, be lifted to glory;
the Lord our God approaches, come, shout the story.
5. Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty Lord, our God celebrating.

Refrain

*Lift up the gates eternal, lift up your voices;
the King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.*

6. Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;
the King of glory comes in full might and power.
7. Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?
Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the victory is bringing.

Refrain

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* Closing Prayer

* Benediction

* Parting Praise: GH #197 ***"The Trees of the Field"*** 2x

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.

Text: Isaiah 55:12; para. Steffi G. Rubin, 1975; Tune: Stuart Dauermann, 1975;
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* Postlude

Welcome to this Palm Sunday service. Let us unite our minds and hearts in praising Christ the King. Let us exhibit the same joyful spirit as those who first shouted: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" After the worship service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Sunday School and Catechism classes will not meet on April 1, and April 8. They will resume again on Sunday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m.

You are invited to join Faith Community Fellowship for a joint **Good Friday Service** at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30.

The **Fellowship** Committee invites you to rise early and join us for an Easter breakfast on **Easter Sunday, April 1**, from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Our service will be held at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

There will be no **evening service** on April 1.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you to those who expressed their sympathy and concerns through prayers, cards, flowers, and visits in the passing away of my brother. **Sally Reehoorn**

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 Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

MARCH - APRIL 2018 FAMILY VISITS		
Elder	Family	Family
Dave V	Jill Klunder	Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy
Dave V	Sally Reehoorn	Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten
Greg A	Jim & Michele Feddema	Elaine Hammingh
Greg A	Clarence & Eleanor Klunder	Jeanette, Ed & Fred Folkertsma
Greg B	Keith & Jean Rasmussen	Rich Knight
Greg B	Case Lanting	Alice De Vries
Henry H	Kevin & Glenda Kok	Bob & Andy Pippel
Henry H	Marjean De Groot	Dennis & Melba De Kok
Darrel L	Tim & Heather Van Hofwegen	Grace Feddema
Darrel L	Hans & Aileen Meischke	Wilma De Boer
Pastor John	Dave Visser	Duane & Trudy Van Dyke
Pastor John	Michelle De Kok	Martha Haarsma
Dennis D	Shirley Boonstra	Todd Klunder
Dennis D	Hank & Anjean Vander Veen	Darin & Michelle Kuipers

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Choir will meet after the morning service today. Come and join us as we sing praises to God.

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

A **Blood Drive** will be held at First CRC on Monday, March 26 from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. They will be closed from 2:00 p.m.—2:45 p.m. Come and give so others may live.

Elders & Deacons will meet on Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Golden Hour will meet on Wednesday, **March 28** at 1:30 p.m. We will study Obadiah.

Cadets will meet on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

A reminder to those parents that are registering their children with **Mount Vernon Christian School** for the school year 2018-2019 and participate in the Christian Education Fund. The registration form must indicate that First CRC is your "support group." Pledge forms for 2018-2019 will be distributed shortly and should be returned by May 13, 2018. Also all pledges for school year 2017-2018 need to be paid in full by May 31, 2018. If you have any questions please contact Katie Jungquist (428-3818).

Easter Lilies and Bibles: Once again members are invited to place an Easter lily or a Gideon Bible in memory of a loved one. If you would like to order a lily please call or leave a message for Sylvia at the church office (336-2405) by Sunday, March 25. Cost for the lily is **\$14.99**. Bibles can be ordered through Wednesday, March 28, and can be purchased for **\$5.00**. Make checks payable to the First Christian Reformed Church and turn the money into the church office. Lilies may be taken home after the Easter services.

Attention Ladies: In the coming weeks/months we are hoping to start a Women's Bible Study on the study book "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore, and would love to have you join us! If you or someone you know is interested, or if you would like more information, please contact Sheri (360-770-0039) or Brooke (360-941-5921). We are also looking for input on the date/time for the study.

ADVANCED NOTICES

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington. We are studying the book of Genesis. You are welcome to join us.

Hymnspiration #2 is being planned for April 29 at 4:00 p.m. at First CRC. This will be an evening of singing Hymns for all ages. Plan to come for an evening of Praise and Worship with family and friends! Everyone is welcome!

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Cascade Family Bible Conference will be held from July 5-9 at Cascade Family Bible Camp. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Timothy Blackmon. Registration forms can be found on the walkway shelf. First time attenders save 50% on registration. For more information go to: www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org. where you can also register online.

Stay Alert, Watch, and Be Ready: What did Jesus say about his return? How should we prepare for his coming? Join Groundwork as we study Mark 13 and Matthew 24 to see what Jesus taught his disciples shortly before his crucifixion about the end of the world and the best ways to prepare for his anticipated return. Listen now at Groundwork Online.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Bible News 2: Gideon: Kids present a play featuring the story of Gideon. Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Find more great resources for kids and parents at www.kidscorner.net. This month's offer includes an Easter story puppet show craft.

Banner College Essay Contest: Banner College Essay Contest - The Banner is pleased to sponsor a writing contest on the topic "Why Christianity Still Matters." We'll publish the winning essays in print and/or online and award cash prizes (up to \$1,000 USD). Details and deadline: www.thebanner.org

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Share Your Photos: Do you enjoy taking pictures and have an eye for a great photo? Each Friday, we post a photo with Bible text on the CRCNA Facebook page. We'd love to feature your photos! Landscapes and nature close-ups are especially welcome. We can only use photos that you took, or to which you own the rights, and you need to have the permission of anyone who appears in the photo. Send photos, along with your name and your church name, to communications@crcna.org. Thanks!

Renew 18 @ Rosewood: Youth groups (ages 14-21) are invited to a service-and-worship week at Rosewood CRC in Bellflower, California, from July 14-21, 2018. Birthed out of SERVE, the Renew experience immerses students in a diverse community and church where they will partner with neighbors in service projects and grow in their relationship with God through worship and small groups. Cost is \$300 including local transportation. Contact Bonny Mulder-Behnia at bmulderbehnia@rosewoodchurch.com or call 562-804-4778.

Night at the Nursery: Join us for a fun, private event featuring: Drinks, desserts, and appetizers, 30% off of one item the evening of the event, and 20% of nursery sales will support Family Promise. This will be held at Skagit Valley Gardens at 18923 Peter Johnson Road in Mount Vernon on **Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.** Tickets can be purchased for \$25.00 at nurseryfpbrownpapertickets.com or from Sylvia at the church office. Proceeds will go to benefit Family Promise of Skagit Valley.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Skagit Valley Chorale** will present "Celebrating in Song" on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. and May 6 at 2:00 p.m. at McIntyre Hall. Tickets at www.mcintyrehall.org. More information at: skagitvalleychorale.org

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	11:45 am	Choir Practice
	6:30 pm	Evening Service
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	12:00 pm	Blood Drive at First CRC
	7:00 pm	Elders & Deacons Meet
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	1:30 pm	Golden Hour
	7:00 pm	Cadets
FRI	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service at Faith Community Fellowship

NURSERY

Today: AM Infants & Toddlers

Elly Cuperus, Hannah Van Hofwegen, Kennedy Donaldson

Next Week: AM Infants & Toddlers

Julie Houck, Kaeli Houck, Trevor Blom

GREETERS

Today - AM Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Greg & Beth Boon, Brian Doss, Fred Folkertsma

Next Week - AM Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Alice De Vries, Grace Feddema, Les & Joy Faber

USHERS

Today: Tim Van Hofwegen, Kermit Houck, Henry Hammingh

Next Week: Darin Kuipers, Tim Van Hofwegen, Larry Greidanus

SOUND SYSTEM

Today AM: Mardick Stevens

Next Week AM: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today AM: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week AM: Devin Van Zanten

VIDEO TAPING

Today AM: DJ Droog

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today AM:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Johnna Van der Hoek, Kera Boon

Next Week AM:

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistants: Julie Speck, Kayla Van Hofwegen

COFFEE HOSTS

Today AM: Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten, Randy & Peggy Burr, Dennis & Melba De Kok

Next Week AM:

Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jeannette Folkertsma, Katie Jungquist

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Marjean De Groot, Alice De Vries

Next Week: None

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

Next Week: Henry & Jayne Hammingh

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Next Week: None

OFFERING: April 1, 2018

AM: General Fund

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Hank Van Zanten

"Fill Thou My Life" LUYH #356:1-3

"I Serve a Risen Savior" LUYH #365:1-3

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" LUYH #407:1-3

Scripture Readings: Various

Message: Palm Sunday Teaching Video

Time of Prayer

Offering: Tierra Nueva

Song of Application: LUYH 164:1-4 **"What Wondrous Love"**

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

NEW CONCERNS:

We express our Christian sympathy to the family of **Mardick & Jill Stevens** in the recent passing away of Jill's father (Jack McKee). The memorial service will be held at **Clear Lake Covenant Church** in Clear Lake on Monday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. A lunch will be served following the service. Please pray for Mardick and Jill and family in the days ahead.

Chris Van Sweden is struggling with a very painful leg. Pray that medicine and the shots she received will help relieve the pain in the days ahead.

Hans Meischke had hernia surgery this past Thursday and is recuperating at home. We give God thanks that the surgery went well. Pray for complete healing for Hans.

Tish Ackermann had knee surgery recently. Pray for healing and that the recovery will be swift.

The doctors were not able to do the cardio ablation procedure on **Larry Greidanus** this past week Wednesday. Give the doctors wisdom in determining the next course of treatment and pray that Larry & Maxine will feel your presence beside them.

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:

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.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Emily Curry received news this week that her PET scan was clear. We thank God for healing and for being with Emily & Sandi during this time.

CRCNA: Palm Sunday - As we remember Jesus' ride into Jerusalem and reflect on the events of the week leading up to his crucifixion, ask God to draw our hearts ever nearer to his as we look forward to celebrating his resurrection and expect his return.

Back to God Ministries International: India - Thank God for the increasing hunger for sound biblical teaching among young listeners in India. David, a teen from Bihar, shared that he invites his friends to listen to our program. "My friends are devouring every word of the message you preach," he said. Ask God to open the hearts of these young people to accept Jesus as Lord.

Safe Church Ministry: Training and awareness - Pray for upcoming safe-church training events and classis meetings, asking that God will use these events to continue to build the safe church ministry movement. Pray that in the CRC we will understand that abuse awareness, prevention, and response are crucial to God's mission for the church, and to our

calling to be his people.

Resonate Global Mission: Romania - Steve Michmerhuizen, a Resonate missionary in Romania, connects leaders of faith-based organizations and finds ways they can improve their ministries together. Pray for Steve and other missionaries in similar roles. Pray for opportunities for conversations about collaboration and networking.

World Renew: Cambodia - In Srae Chrov, Cambodia, World Renew and a local partner have worked to provide community development training. One focus has been health and hygiene. Villagers are working to make sure 100 percent of homes have access to a latrine, which helps reduce the spread of diseases. Thank God for great progress in Cambodia!

Educational Care: Training - Over the past year, teachers and administrators in 15 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Europe have received Educational Care training from Resonate staff. The training encourages teachers to think about ways to integrate a biblical worldview in their class instruction. Pray that teachers who have graduated will continue to apply what they've learned and share it with fellow teachers in their own and neighboring countries.

Back to God Ministries International: Ecuador - Praise God that for more than 50 years our Spanish ministry has touched the hearts of Latin Americans with the gospel. Today our programs are broadcast on 700 radio stations and 250 TV stations and are available on the Internet. Pray for people like Maria, who testified, "Every day I learn more and more from the Bible."