

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

**Pastor John Knoester**

**May 27, 2018**

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

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

***“God the Father, God of glory,  
miracles and mystery;”***

Prelude: Joni Beezhold

Welcome / Announcements

**\* Call to Worship:**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.  
In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior,  
let us worship God.

—based on Hebrews 12:1, NRSV

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**\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #246:1-4 “God Is Here”**

1. God is here! As we, your people,  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of your Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the Word has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence as in speech,  
here in newness and renewal  
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd’s flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's celebration,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe.

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\* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

Read Proverbs 22:6

**"God, Who Created Hearts to Love"** LUYH #317:1,2,5

1. God, who created hearts to love,  
showering all blessings from above—  
Alleluia! Alleluia—  
give these, who come to you with praise,  
peace, love, and laughter all their days.

*Refrain*

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Jesus at Cana gave a sign,  
turning the water into wine:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sign that continues as he said—  
love, living, risen from the dead.

*Refrain*

5. God, let our joyful singing be  
sign of our faith community.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Baptized in water, we are fed,  
sharing the living wine and bread.

*Refrain*

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**"The Servant Song"** LUYH #309:1-5

**All Sing**

1. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

**Women Sing**

2. We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

### **Men Sing**

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

### **All Sing**

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

### **Sing acapella**

5. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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***“Generations all adore him,  
God the same through history.”***

Invitation to Transformed Living: (Based on I John 4:7-16)

Call to Confession:

Leader: Dear friends, let us love one another,  
for love comes from God.

**People: Everyone who loves  
has been born of God and knows God.  
Whoever does not love  
does not know God, because God is love.**

Leader: This is how God showed his love among us:  
He sent his one and only Son into the world  
that we might live through him.

**People: This is love: not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us and sent his Son  
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: LUYH #306

Leader: Dear friends, since God so loved us,  
we also ought to love one another.

**People: No one has ever seen God;  
but if we love one another, God lives in us  
and his love is made complete in us.**

Leader: This is how we know that we live in him and he in us:  
He has given us of his Spirit.  
And we have seen and testify that the Father  
has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

**People: If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God lives in them and they in God.  
And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.**

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God's Will for Our Lives:

Our Lord Jesus said:

“You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.’

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.”

—from Matthew 22:37-40, NRSV

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Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #683:1-3 ***"How Great Is the Love of the Father"***

1. How great is the love of the Father,  
the love he has shown to us—  
so great that he calls us his children,  
and children of God we are,  
and children of God we are!
2. The world without God does not know us  
because it did not know Christ.  
Lord, help us to be pure and spotless,  
for children of God we are,  
for children of God we are.
3. What we are to be in the future  
as yet has not been made known,  
but when Christ returns, we shall see him,  
and then we shall be like him,  
and then we shall be like him.

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Offering: General Fund

\* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #23:1,2,4 ***"Children of the Heavenly Father"***

1. Children of the heavenly Father  
safely in his bosom gather,  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God his own shall tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil powers he spares them;  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

4. God has given, he has taken,  
but his children ne'er forsaken;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve the pure and holy.

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

***"Parents, tell your children, age to age the same."***

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:1-4 (pg. 1159) Read by Kera Boon

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Godly Parenting"***

Time of Prayer

***"Glorify the living Lord above,  
magnify his holy name,"***

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #314:1-3 ***"Tell Your Children"***

1. God the Father, God of glory,  
miracles, and mystery;  
generations all adore him,  
God the same through history.

*Refrain*

*Parents, tell your children,  
age to age the same.  
Glorify the living Lord above,  
magnify his holy name,  
magnify his holy name.*

2. Lift the fallen, feed the hungry;  
God provides for everything.  
He is fair and full of kindness,  
saving those who call him King.

*Refrain*

3. Awe-inspiring deeds of splendor—  
these proclaim his mighty power;  
interwoven with compassion  
is his strength for every hour.

*Refrain*

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\* God's Blessing

\* Closing Hymn: LUYH #302:1-2 **"Hear Our Praises"**

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,  
may our streets be filled with joy.  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
as the people turn and pray.

*Refrain*

*From the mountain to the valley,  
hear our praises rise to you.  
From the heavens to the nations,  
hear our singing fill the air.*

2. May your light shine in the darkness  
as we walk before the cross.  
May your glory fill the whole earth  
as the water over the seas.

*Refrain x2*

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\* Postlude

**Welcome!** This is the day that the Lord has made. Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. We come as the children of God, knowing that we are welcomed here where all are meant to be one in the Lord. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the Lord for the Lord is good, the Source of love. 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.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

A memorial service will be held at First CRC for **Chris Van Sweden** on Wednesday, May 30 at 3:00 p.m.

**Correction:** It was **David Schmidt** (not Derek) who graduated from Central Washington University with a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation. Congratulations David.

**Thank you** to all our wonderful donors for donating this past Monday. The time and energy you put into saving lives is generous and heartfelt. Thank you for coming together as one to help support our local community.

Our annual **Congregational Meeting** was held this past Monday. Kevin Kok, Tim Van Hofwegen, Henry Van Zanten, Jr. were selected for the office of Elder for a 3-year term. Rich Cuperus and Daniel Vander Kooy were selected for a 3-year term and Bryan Van Beek for a 1-year term for the office of Deacon. Installation of officers will be held during our morning service on June 17. The annual church budget 2018-2019 was approved.

We thank God for those who will be retiring from their offices: Elders Greg Ackermann, Greg Boon, and Henry Hamming; Deacons Randy Burr, and Brad De Kok. May God continue to use them in other areas of service.

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

<b>MARCH - MAY 2018 FAMILY VISITS</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Family</b>
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**

**Opportunity for Students:** Students who play piano are invited to play for an offertory during the summer months. Please contact the church office at 336-2405 if you are interested and we will arrange for that to happen.

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

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, May 28 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, May 30 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 **Women's Bible Study Group** will meet on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a video and study lesson 4.

Join the **Youth Group** on Thursday, May 31, from 5-7pm for a spaghetti feed and game night fundraiser. Please sign up in the fellowship hall so we can have an approximate number of people coming. Come and support the Youth Group. They are planning to go on a mission trip to Nebraska in July.

#### **Christian Education Fund Update:**

In order for the Christian Education Fund to continue we need to fulfill our pledges for both school years.

The cost of the ministry for the entire 2018-2019 school year of \$116,048.00 is to be pledged by May 31, 2018. Pledge forms for the 2018-2019 school year are on the shelf by your mailboxes. Please return completed forms to mailbox #85.

Also your pledges for the 2017-2018 school year are due by May 31, 2018. The total amount to be collected is \$117,682.00. We are still in need of \$16,240.00.

Please contact Katie Jungquist 428-3818 if you have any questions.

**Cookies:** The last Sunday of the month there have been cookies provided for the fellowship time after the morning service. Thank you to those who have willingly brought cookies to share. If you are willing to be added to list, there is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall today.

## ADVANCED NOTICES

Our **Church Potluck** will be held on Sunday, June 3, 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 **Women's Bible Study Group** will meet on Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. We will have a video and study lesson 5.

## ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

**The Fruit of Patience:** How can we cultivate the spiritual gift of patience in a society that prefers immediate gratification? Join Groundwork in studying Romans 2:1-4 and Colossians 3:1-13 as we seek to understand and cultivate the fruit of patience in our own lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**A Very Good Day:** Grandpa and Liz follow treasure hunt clues left behind by a childhood friend of Grandpa. What's the next clue? What's the treasure hidden somewhere in Terrene? Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Free Giveaway: Get the KC sketchbook at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).

Need a weekend getaway that recharges your soul? **Warm Beach Camp** offers campsites, cabins, and lodge rooms. You can enjoy the buffet in the dining hall or cook over an open fire. Cascade Family Bible Camp is scheduled for July 5-9. Register soon. Forms are available at church or online at [www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org](http://www.cascadefamilybiblecamp.org). First time registrants will receive 50% off registration.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	6:30 pm	Evening Worship Service
	7:45 pm	Youth Group
MON	7:00 pm	Elder & Deacons' Meeting
TUES	7:00 pm	Vida Nueva
WED	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study
	3:00 pm	Memorial Service for Chris Van Sweden
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
THURS	5:00 pm	Youth Group Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser

### **NURSERY**

**Today: AM Infants & Toddlers**

Juli Oostra, Kennedy Donaldson, Trevor Blom

**Next Week: AM Infants & Toddlers**

Brooke Knoester, Hannah Van Hofwegen, Nathan Van Beek

### **GREETERS**

**Today - AM Rovers:** Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

**AM:** Aileen Meischke, Sally Reehoorn, Randy & Juli Oostra

**Next Week - AM Rovers:** Greg & Tish Ackermann

**AM:** Bob & Andy Pippel, Marinus & Jill Rouw

### **USHERS**

**Today:** Tim Hibma, Darin Kuipers, Tim Van Hofwegen

**Next Week:** Larry Greidanus, Darin Kuipers, Wiebe Van der Hoek

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today AM:** Mardick Stevens

**Next Week AM:** Kendall Van Zanten



**PROJECTION**

**Today AM:** Nathan Van Beek

**Next Week AM:** Josh Hammingh

**VIDEO TAPING**

**Today AM:** DJ Droog

**Next Week:** Tim Hibma

**CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

**Today AM:**

Teacher: Michele Feddema

Assistants: Julie Speck, Carson Blom

**Next Week AM:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Briana Vander Kooy, Kera Boon

**COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today AM:** Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jeannette Folkertsma, Larry & Maxine Greidanus

**Next Week AM:** Church Potluck

**VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Alice De Vries, Marjean De Groot

**Next Week:** Jayne Hammingh, Brooke Knoester

**MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Next Week:** Henry Kuipers

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

**OFFERING:** June 3, 2018

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** Back to School Blessings

## 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome / Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Kevin Kok

**"I Love to Tell The Story"** LUYH #262:1,2,3

**"God, Be Merciful to Me "** LUYH #623:1,2,3

**"Lord, Speak to Me"** LUYH #754:1,3,5

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:13-22 (pg. 261)

Message: ***"The Bigger Picture"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Northwest Hispanic Ministry (Joe Strong)

Song of Application: LUYH #770:1-4 ***"In Christ Alone"***

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #965 ***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"***

## **VISION STATEMENT**

*We are a living fellowship of believers called together to further God's Kingdom. As Christ's body, we are a testimony to, and expression of, His love in the world.*

*We respond to that call by meeting God in worship, by preparing ourselves for kingdom service, and by ministering to one another and our neighbors in word and deed.*

### **Mount Vernon CRC Council**

**PASTOR:** John Knoester

**ELDERS:**

Kevin Kok: President  
Tim Van Hofwegen: Vice All  
Dennis De Kok: Clerk  
Henry Van Zanten, Jr.: Records Clerk  
Dave Visser: Lay Shepherds Liaison  
Darrel Lagerwey

**DEACONS:**

Jim Feddema: President  
Bryan Van Beek: Secretary  
Mardick Stevens: Treasurer  
Daniel Vander Kooy: Vicar  
Hank Van Zanten: Benevolent Treasurer,  
Christian Education Fund Chair  
Richard Knight: Helping Hands, Neighbors in Need  
Rich Cuperus: Usher Liaison



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, **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.

**CONTINUING CONCERNS:**

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

**PRAISES:**

Congratulations to **Duane & Trudy Van Dyke** who celebrated 66 years of marriage on May 21 and to **Rimmer & Ruth De Vries** who celebrated 60 years of marriage on May 25. We thank God for His faithfulness.

**OTHER CONCERNS:**

Pastor John's mom, **Mary**, has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer. Pray for Mary as she has treatments and pray that God will give her healing and strength for each day. Pray for the family as they stand beside her during this time.

**Synod** will be meeting on June 7-14. Pray for Pastor John and Elder Greg Boon as they attend Synod. Pray for safe travel for all who attend and pray that God will guide the decisions being made.

**Worship Ministries: Smaller ministries** - Many of our CRC churches are small (under 50 members) or emerging (new). Give thanks for these ministries and pray that God will provide the needed musicians, leaders, and planners to enable meaningful and thoughtful worship. Ask for strength and endurance for all who lead and pastor these smaller ministries.

**Race Relations: Healing** - Pray for Indigenous peoples who are still suffering from historical and generational trauma as a result of boarding schools and relocation. Pray that congregations can minister to them with mercy and love. Pray also for forgiveness and restoration, asking God to give us eyes to see our mistakes in both the past and the present, and hearts to repent and confess. Pray for unity in the body of Christ.

**Resonate Global Mission: Young leaders** - Many of the Christian Reformed Church's future leaders already serve as leaders: pastors, missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, elders, deacons, educators, mentors. Others of them are still young and discovering where God is directing them. Pray today for a young leader you may know. Ask God to continue preparing them for future leadership.

**Calvin Theological Seminary: Graduates** - About 65 students will be graduating this month. Rejoice with our graduates and their families and with the churches and classes who have supported them. Pray for them as they transition to ministry positions, further studies, or other places where God is leading them.

**World Renew: Honduras** - In Buena Vista, Honduras, World Renew partner Alfalit has worked to promote sustainable agricultural practices and income-generating activities for women. In recent years Alfalit has helped communities launch village savings and loan groups promoting economic growth and opportunity. Please ask God to bring growth and prosperity to Buena Vista.

***Back to God Ministries International: Latin America*** - As Spanish ministry leader Rev. Guillermo Serrano draws closer to retiring next year, pray for our administrative team as they seek new partnerships to continue outreach in Latin America. Please ask God for wisdom and direction as we seek the person he has chosen to lead Spanish media ministry in the future.

***Timothy Leadership Training Institute: Safety*** - Our coordinator in Liberia is healing from a broken leg after a road accident. We pray for the safety of Timothy Leadership trainers as they continue their work.