

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

October 20, 2019

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

“When I survey the wondrous Cross,”

Prelude: Joni Beezhold

Welcome

* Opening Song of Praise: ***“How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art”*** LUYH #574:1-2

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus

*How great is our God! Sing with me:
how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

2. And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus

Bridge (2x)

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

Chorus

*How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

Chorus

*How great is our God! Sing with me:
how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

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* God’s Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

“On which the Prince of Glory died.”

Call to Confession: ***“Give us Clean Hands”*** LUYH #628 (2x)

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees;

O Spirit, come make us humble.

We turn our eyes from evil things;

O Lord, we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;

let us not lift our souls to another.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts;

let us not lift our souls to another.

O God, let us be a generation that seeks,

that seeks your face, O God of Jacob.

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Prayer of Confession

* Song of Assurance: ***“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*** vs. 1-3

1. How deep the Father’s love for us,
how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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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.*

Announcements

Offering: General Fund

Offertory: Joni Beezhold

* We Profess our Faith: Apostle's Creed GH pg. 812

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song of Preparation: **"How Beautiful"** Kevin & Glenda Kok

1. How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads
and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
how beautiful is the body of Christ.
2. How beautiful the heart that bled,
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
how beautiful is the body of Christ.
and as He laid down His life we offer this sacrifice
that we will live just as He died:
willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.
3. How beautiful the radiant Bride
who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
how beautiful is the body of Christ.
4. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news
and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful,
how beautiful is the body of Christ.

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“My richest gain, I count but loss,”

Scripture Readings: Read by Henry & Pam Van Zanten

Matthew 26:36-46 (pg. 985); Matthew 27:11-14,27-31, 45-50, 57-6 (pg. 987)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“We Believe in the Suffering and Death of Jesus”***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: ***“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”***

LUYH #175:1-4 / ***“The Wonderful Cross”*** LUYH #176

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

Refrain

*Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross
bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross,
all who gather here by grace
draw near and bless your name.*

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Refrain

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”; Words: Isaac Watts, 1707, P.D.;

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“The Wonderful Cross”; Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves

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“And pour contempt on all my pride.”

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: ***“To God Be the Glory”*** LUYH #956

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done!
With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me—
to God be the glory for the things he has done!

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* Postlude

Welcome to our services of worship and praise! We pray that all will find strength, security, and fellowship with God and with one another. After the morning service, all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Sunday School & Catechism classes will not be held on Sunday, October 27. They will resume on November 3 at 9:30 a.m.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to **Cody & Angela See & Family** in the birth of a healthy daughter **Bailey Kay**. Bailey was born on Wednesday, October 16 and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and is 20.5 inches long. We give God thanks.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Apostles Creed is probably the most well-known ecumenical statement of our faith. It is called the “Apostles Creed” not because it was produced by the apostles themselves, but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It’s a beautiful statement of what Christian believers in all times and places profess to believe.

In the weeks to come, we are going to make our way through the Apostles Creed and reflect on each statement of belief. Through the use of various scripture texts and confessional teachings we’re going to remind ourselves of some of the central tenants of our faith.

Listed below is a ‘tentative’ schedule of our study, but it could easily change depending on how far we get each week. May God bless us as we embark on this study together.

In Christ,

Pastor John Knoester

Oct. 20 – “We Believe in the Suffering and Death of Jesus”

Oct. 27 – “We Believe in the Resurrection, Ascension, and Reign of Jesus”

Nov. 3 – “We Believe in the Holy Spirit”

Nov. 10 – “We Believe in the holy catholic church and communion of saints”

Nov. 17 – “We Believe Christ is coming again”

Nov. 24 – “We Believe in the resurrection of body and life everlasting”

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Family Visiting: The following is the current family visiting schedule. 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.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2019 FAMILY VISITS	
Elder	Family
Dave V	De Kok, Dennis & Melba
Dave V	Donaldson, Spencer & Janelle
Kevin K	Droog, Jeff & Monica
Kevin K	Hilsinger, Nick & Kristi
Henry VZ	Strong, Joe & Nellie
Henry VZ	Vander Pol, Larry & Margaret
Tim VH	Van Zanten, Henry & Pam
Tim VH	Kuipers, Henry & Sharon
Darrel L	Speck, Brandon & Julie
Darrel L	Klunder, John & Dena
Pastor John	Houck, Kermit & Julie
Pastor John	Klunder, Jill

Henry H	Vander Griend, Clarence
Henry H	Haagsma, Jill

Choir will meet for practice in the sanctuary after coffee time today! Looking forward to having you join us!

Youth Group will meet tonight at 6:15 PM.

The **Worship Planning Committee** will meet Monday, October 21 at 6:30 PM.

The **Evangelism Committee** will meet on Monday, October 21 at 7:45 PM.

Cadets will meet Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 PM.

Young at Heart will meet for lunch on Thursday, October 24 at IHOP Restaurant at 12:30 PM.

Cookies or Bars - We will be having a coffee time following our joint Reformation Service on the evening of October 27. If you are willing to bring 2 dozen cookies or bars, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Fellowship Hall on the coffee table.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Come and bring your family and friends to the **Reformation Day Service** at the First CRC of Mount Vernon on Sunday, October 27, at 6:30 PM. Our speakers this year will be Pastor Geoff Van Dragt and Pastor Ashley Van Dragt. Pastors Geoff and Ashley Van Dragt have been doing Campus Ministry at the University of Washington since 2011. Along with Rev. Calvin Chen, they currently lead the ministry of Graduate Christian Fellowship as well as co-pastor our most recent church plant - Church on the Ave. They are the proud parents of two young boys. An offering will be taken for Graduate Christian Fellowship/Church on the Ave. Graduate Christian Fellowship is a campus ministry for graduate and professional students at the University of Washington. Their mission is to build a witnessing community of graduate and professional students who study, worship, pray, play and serve together. A nursery is provided.

Men's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30 AM at Sheri's Restaurant in Burlington.

Golden Hour will meet Wednesday, November 6 at 1:30 PM. They will be working through lesson 4.

GEMS will meet Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 PM.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Groundwork: Questions and Concerns about Faith: Have you ever worried about your faith life? Maybe you feel a great desire to grow in faith or you're concerned about giving in to past temptations. You're not alone. Study Romans 3:21-26, 1 Corinthians 1:21, Romans 6:4-14, and more with Groundwork to answer some of your questions and concerns about personal faith. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Bible News: Esther, Part One: Clubhouse Theater presents the story of Esther. Who is she in the Bible and why is she so important? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download this month's Kids Corner puzzle and game giveaway, The Bible Challenge Activity Book 8.

Essay Contest: The H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies proudly announces our 28th annual High School Senior Scholarship Essay Contest. This year's topic is Calvin and the Biblical Patriarchs. Deadline for submission is February 3, 2020. Winners will be awarded scholarships to one of several Reformed colleges and universities, as listed on our website. Details: calvin.edu/centers-institutes/meeter-center/fellowships-scholarships/high-school-seniors/

Calling All Photographers: Do you have a good eye for photos of people? Are you working on your skills at taking photos of events or activities? We're looking for photos of churches in action, and we'd love to share yours! Images can include church picnics, communion, worship teams, mission trips, community action...anything that shows the people of your church, being the church. Snap some photos, get permission from the people in them (unless it's a large group shot in a public place), and then send them to communications@crcna.org. We'll consider them for use - with credit - on the CRCNA homepage and social media. Thanks!

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - The Building Blocks of Faith are four statements that, when they become increasingly true for a person, indicate that his or her faith is growing: I belong to Jesus and to his body, the church. I know and understand the story of God's faithfulness, of which I am a part. I have hope, through Christ, in all of God's promises. I am called to work in God's kingdom, and I am equipped to do that work. What opportunities do the people in your household have to grow in each of these ways? For more on the Building Blocks, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/toolkits/building-blocks-faith. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

"FREE" Music Program - Save the date and come on out Friday, October 25, 2019 @ 7:00 pm for an "An-a-Cappella Barbershop Fall Music Show" at First Christian Reformed Church in Mount Vernon. This evening will feature a couple of local Men's Acapella Choruses, the "An-O-Chords" and the "Mount Baker Toppers" along with a local grown quartet "Free Advice". The music that is sung is in Four Part Harmony in a Barbershop Style. Contact Henry Van Zanten for any questions or if you would like to have a Digital Flyer to help promote this event or to email out to friends. Hardcopy flyers are also available in the breezeway. So, come on out, bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fun music.

Safe Spaces: This Equipping Conference addresses the prevalent challenge/struggle in the churches today surrounding unwanted sexual behaviors by adults, pornography use, and the risks and behaviors happening amongst our teens and kids as a result of the easy & immediate access to internet porn. *Features:* Jay Stringer, pastor, therapist and author will give a key note address "**Un-Wanted**" *How Sexual Brokenness Reveals Our Way to Healing & Freedom from Unwanted Sexual Behavior & Pornography Use.* **Protect Young Eyes** presents "Safer Digital Spaces for Kids:" *Educate Adults to Empower Kids & Youth for Responsible Online Choices.* 5 workshops to choose from. Saturday, November 16 from 8:30-3:30 @ New Life CRC in Abbotsford. \$35 pp. [Register & Info: www.bcsafechurch.com](http://www.bcsafechurch.com) E-mail: Faye@bcsafechurch.com

Skagit Community Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 p.m. at Cornwall Church (830 N. 16th St. in Mount Vernon).

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Morning Service
	11:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:15 PM	Youth Group
	6:30 PM	Evening Service
MON	6:30 PM	Worship Planning Meeting
	7:45 PM	Evangelism Committee Meeting
TUES	7:00 PM	Vida Nueva Bible Study
WED	6:30 PM	Cadets
	12:30 PM	Young at Heart Lunch
FRI	7:00 PM	Barbershop Fall Show (An-O-Chords)

NURSERY

Today: Sue Blom, Kennedy Donaldson, Trevor Blom

Next Week AM: Juli Oostra, Kayla Van Hofwegen, Adriana Speck

PM: Sue Blom & Trevor Blom

GREETERS

Today - Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus

AM: John & Dena Klunder, Jill Klunder, Jeannette Folkertsma

Next Week - Rovers: Dennis & Melba De Kok

AM: Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Joe Le Clair

USHERS

Today: Tim Van Hofwegen, Henry Hammingh, Darin Kuipers

Next Week: Larry Greidanus, Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Tim Hibma

SOUND SYSTEM

Today AM: Mardick Stevens

Next Week: Tim Hibma, Henry Hammingh

PM: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week: Devin Van Zanten, Hannah Van Hofwegen

PM: Hannah Van Hofwegen

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Mike Hibma

PM: Brandon Speck

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Johnna Van der Hoek, Franchesca Knoester

Next Week:

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Julie Speck, Caleb Link

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Minne Van der Hoek, Larry & Margaret Vander Pol, Bryan & Deanna Van Beek

Next Week: Mardick & Jill Stevens, Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren, Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten

PM Cookies: Sylvia Van Zanten, Shirley Boonstra, Jeannette Folkertsma, Brooke Knoester, Eleanor Klunder, Melba De Kok

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Vida Nueva

Next Week: Vida Nueva

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: Henry Hammingh

Accompanist: Marjo Rouw

Next Week: None

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

October 20: Shirley Boonstra

October 27: Dennis & Melba De Kok

OCTOBER OFFERING: October 20

AM: General Fund

PM: New Earth Recovery

October 27 PM Offering: Graduate Christian Fellowship/The Church on the Ave

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Marjo Rouw

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Henry Hammingsh

"Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah" LUYH #6:1,2

"Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord" LUYH #22:1-3

"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult" LUYH #121:1-3

Scripture Readings: Romans 3:21-30, Ephesians 2:8-10, Hebrews 11:1

Confession Reading: Belgic Confession Article 22

The Righteousness of Faith

We believe that for us to acquire the true knowledge of this great mystery the Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts a true faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him.

For it must necessarily follow that either all that is required for our salvation is not in Christ or, if all is in him, then he who has Christ by faith has his salvation entirely.

Therefore, to say that Christ is not enough but that something else is needed as well is a most enormous blasphemy against God—for it then would follow that Jesus Christ is only half a Savior. And therefore we justly say with Paul that we are justified "by faith alone" or "by faith apart from works."⁵⁴ However, we do not mean, properly speaking, that it is faith itself that justifies us—for faith is only the instrument by which we embrace Christ, our righteousness.

But Jesus Christ is our righteousness in making available to us all his merits and all the holy works he has done for us and in our place. And faith is the instrument that keeps us in communion with him and with all his benefits.

When those benefits are made ours they are more than enough to absolve us of our sins.

⁵⁴ Rom. 3:28

Message: ***"Faith, Grouchy People, and Cats"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: New Earth Recovery

Song of Application: LUYH #426:1-4 ***"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"***

* 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.

PRAISE:

We give God thanks for blessing **Cody & Angela See** with a healthy daughter and **Kenzie & Zack** with a sister, **Bailey Kay**, on Wednesday, October 16. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and is 20.5 inches long. Congratulations!

NEW CONCERN:

Wilma De Boer suffered a severe heart attack last Saturday night. She remains at Skagit Valley Hospital undergoing tests. Please pray for a full recovery.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Adelaida Vega (Michelle Kuiper's mother) received the results from her CT Scan. The cancer is shrinking, and she will need to continue treatments to attack what cancer is still there.

Continue to pray for **Case Lanting** as he recovers from a stroke. His new address is:

Arlington Health & Rehab Center
Patient: Case Lanting
620 S. Hazel St.; Arlington, WA 98223.

Continue to pray for strength and healing for **Todd Klunder**.

Continue to pray for **Ryanne Vander Pol** as she continues with her IV therapy and some radiation treatments.

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 Life Care Center in Sedro-Woolley; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Adrianna Swanson** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA; **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS:

Disability Concerns: Advocates - As we observe disability week in our churches, the Disability Concerns ministries of the CRC and Reformed Church in America are celebrating disability advocates who champion, advise, and bear witness to the coming reality of God's kingdom in which everybody belongs and everybody serves. Pray that your church will welcome and encourage the work of these advocates.

Indigenous Christian Fellowship: Support - Established over 40 years ago by the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada, this Indigenous ministry has been faithfully supported by the CRC. As we give thanks for this support, please pray with us for the success of a fundraising gala in October seeking to raise both awareness and local support for the ministry.

World Renew: World Hunger Awareness - Every October, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Hunger Awareness in honor of the founding of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. We invite you to join this month in God's work of renewing the lives of the 821 million hungry people in the world, praying that he may transform hunger into hope.

Back to God Ministries International: Niger - Our French ministry team connected a woman named Bahati and her daughter to a local church, where she is receiving help after being banned from her home because of her Christian faith. Pray for Bahati and her daughter, asking God to keep them safe and to strengthen them in building a new life.

Diaconal Ministries Canada: Coaches - As a national organization, Diaconal Ministries Canada has established a diaconal network from coast to coast to resource, equip, and encourage deacons in every Christian Reformed church in Canada. Please pray for our diaconal coaches, who steward their time and abilities to help deacons be a blessing to their churches and communities!

GEMS Girls' Clubs: Identity - ABCs are easy. Being a girl today is not. Girls have a growing list of hurts—Anxiety, Body-image issues, Cyberbullying, and more. Pray for GEMS Girls' Clubs as they share God's great love and tell girls whose they are and who they are—Accepted, Beautiful, Chosen, and dearly Loved in Christ.