

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

**Pastor John Knoester**

**October 27, 2019**

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

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

***“Blessings abound where’er he reigns:”***

Prelude: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Call to Worship/God’s Greeting:**

**Leader:** People of God, the Lord of glory, Jesus Christ, sends his greeting to you. And his greeting is this: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, through the working of the Holy Spirit. This is the greeting of Christ, who arose from the grave.

**People:** **He died and rose that we might have eternal life. All thanks be to him!**

**Leader:** This same Christ has ascended to the Father.

**People:** **He ascended that we might experience God’s presence and power. All praise be to him!**

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**\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #224:1-4 *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”***

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit,  
bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
4. Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come  
to gather all his saints to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear the archangel’s voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744, alt., P.D.’ Music: John Darwall, 1770;  
desc. Sydney H. Nicholson (1875-1947), P.D.; CCLI #678905

**\* We Greet Each Other**

\* Opening Songs of Worship

Read Matthew 28:5-8

- 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."
- 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

***"See, What a Morning"*** LUYH #181:1-3

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ the Man,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.
2. See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"—  
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
it's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
will sound 'til he appears  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.
3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned with power and authority.  
And we are raised with him;  
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with him,  
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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Read Acts 1:7-9

- 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.
- 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

***“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*** LUYH #223:1-3

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o’er the grave,  
who rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died and reigns on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.

Words: sts. 1, 3, 4 Matthew Bridges, 1851; st. 2 Godfrey Thring, 1874, alt., P.D.;  
Music: George J. Elvey, 1868, P.D.; CCLI #678905

***“The prisoners leap to lose their chains,”***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Thanksgiving: LUYH #682:1-3 ***“Before the Throne of God Above”***

1. Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.
  
3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable "I AM,"  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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*Following the Song of Thanksgiving, children ages 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
are dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children and Worship.*

Ministry Report: Gideons—Mr. Sam Brode

Offering: General Fund

\* Song of Preparation: **"We Believe"**

1. We believe in God the Father,  
maker of the universe.  
And in Christ, the Son, our Savior,  
Comes to us by virgin birth.  
We believe he died to save us,  
bore our sins, was crucified;  
then from death he rose victorious,  
ascended to the Father's side.

*Refrain*

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all; Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all.  
Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all; Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all.*

2. We believe he sends his Spirit  
on his church with gifts of power.  
God, his word of truth affirming,  
sends us to the nations now.  
He will come again in glory  
judge the living and the dead;  
every knee shall bow before him;  
then must every tongue confess.

*Refrain*

*Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all; Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all.  
Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all; Jesus, Lord of all, Lord of all.*

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## ***“The weary find eternal rest,”***

Scripture Readings: Read by Greg, Beth, Kera Boon  
Luke 24:1-8, 50-53 (pg. 1047), I Corinthians 15:12-28 (pg. 1139)

Message: ***“We Believe in the Resurrection, Ascension, and Reign of Jesus”***

Time of Prayer

## ***“And all who suffer want are blest.”***

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #219:1-4 ***“Jesus, Shall Reign”***

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

PSALM 72; Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt., P.D.;  
Music: John Hatton, (1710-1793, P.D.); CCLI #678906

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #219:5 ***“Jesus, Shall Reign”***

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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Music: John Hatton, (1710-1793, P.D.); CCLI #678906

\* Postlude

***Welcome!*** A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship. We gather in gratitude before our loving Creator and Sustainer. Let us approach God with purity of heart and reach out to each other with care and joy. 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.

Next week Sunday, November 3, ***Pastor Matt Borst*** from Faith Community Fellowship will lead our morning worship. Pastor John will be at Faith Community Fellowship.

***Sunday School & Catechism Classes*** will resume next week Sunday, November 3 at 9:30 p.m.

***Next week Sunday*** morning there will be a second offering taken for the Gideons.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Welcome Baby Basket:** Welcome to little Bailey Kay See! There is a basket in the annex ready to be filled with gifts for Bailey and her family. Let's have some fun welcoming the newest member into our church family!

**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.

<b>SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2019 FAMILY VISITS</b>	
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Family</b>
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

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. 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

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

Come and bring your family and friends to the **Reformation Day Service** at the First CRC of Mount Vernon **today, 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. 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.

**Youth Group** will meet tonight at 7:45 PM.

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 PM.

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

Copies of the November issue of "**Today's Christian Living**" are available on the walkway shelf.

Copies of the October 10, 2019 minutes from **Classis Pacific Northwest** are available on the walkway shelf.

### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

**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 about the Faith of Our Families:** How do I nurture the faith of my children? My heart aches for a loved one who doesn't believe in God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 1:18-19a, and more to answer questions you have sent us about encouraging the faith of those we know and love. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Bible News: Esther, Part Two:** Clubhouse Theater presents the story of Esther. How can she save God's people? Will she give the ultimate sacrifice? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://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.

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip** - "Regardless of what a family looks like, its adult members can have a big impact on the development of children's faith. And they do that primarily by modeling faith in everyday moments. What do those moments look like? They are amazingly ordinary. Holding hands, praying at the table, going to bed . . . talking about a bad day at school—those moments all have the potential to form faith."—from *Dear Parent: A Guide for Family Faith Formation*, by Laura Keeley and Robert J. Keeley, available at [FaithAliveResources.org](http://FaithAliveResources.org) (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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).

**Safe Spaces:** A One-day Learning Event - Nov. 16 at New Life Church in Abbotsford, BC - Safe Church presents Safe Spaces, featuring a keynote address from Jay Stringer and workshops presented by professional counselors, teachers, and therapists. Come learn about a path toward freedom from unwanted sexual behaviors, how to create safer digital spaces for kids, and more. Contact Faye Martin, [sfmartin@telus.net](mailto:sfmartin@telus.net) or visit the BC Safe Church website, [bcsafechurch.com](http://bcsafechurch.com).

**Pregnancy Choices** in Mount Vernon has a job opening for an Administrative Assistant & Compliance Coordinator. This is a part time position, up to 20 hours per week. You can obtain a job description by calling Sylvia at the church office. Any questions? Contact Irene Bazán—Executive Director at Pregnancy Choices; [irene@pregnancychoices.org](mailto:irene@pregnancychoices.org) (360) 428-4777 Ext: 104; Phone: (509) 423-5695; [www.pregnancychoices.org](http://www.pregnancychoices.org)

**Children of the Valley** are looking for volunteers. This is an after-school enrichment program. A flyer is posted on the bulletin in the walkway giving more information. If interested, you may contact Sophia Garcia at: [volunteercoordinator@covmv.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@covmv.org) or call 425-760-5614. Application forms are available at the church office. Just call Sylvia at 336-2405.

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

SUN	10:30 AM	Morning Service
	11:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Joint Reformation Day Service
	7:45 PM	Youth Group
MON	7:00 PM	Elders & Deacons Meet
TUES	7:00 PM	Vida Nueva Bible Study
WED	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study at Shari's

### **NURSERY**

**Today:** Juli Oostra, Kayla Van Hofwegen, Adriana Speck

**PM:** Sue Blom & Trevor Blom

**Next Week:** Julie Houck, Julissa Oostra, Jake Feddema

### **GREETERS**

**Today - Rovers:** Dennis & Melba De Kok

**AM:** Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Joe Le Clair

**Next Week - Rovers:** Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**AM:** Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Bob & Andy Pippel

### **USHERS**

**Today:** Larry Greidanus, Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Tim Hibma

**Next Week:** Wiebe Van der Hoek, Tim Van Hofwegen, Henry Hammingh

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today AM:** Tim Hibma, Henry Hammingh

**PM:** Tim Hibma

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

### **PROJECTION**

**Today:** Devin Van Zanten, Hannah Van Hofwegen

**PM:** Hannah Van Hofwegen

**Next Week:** Nathan Van Beek

### **VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** Mike Hibma

**PM:** Brandon Speck

**Next Week:** Carson Blom



## **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

### ***Today:***

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Julie Speck, Caleb Link

### ***Next Week:***

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Briana Vander Kooy, Joel Link

## **COFFEE HOSTS**

***Today:*** Mardick & Jill Stevens, Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren, Hank &

Sylvia Van Zanten

***PM Cookies:*** Shirley Boonstra, Jeannette Folkertsma, Brooke Knoester, Eleanor Klunder, Melba De Kok, Marty Hitchcock, Jean Rasmussen, Joy Faber

***Next Week:*** Greg & Tish Ackermann, Agnes Bollema, Randy & Peggy Burr

## **VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

***Today:*** Vida Nueva

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

## **MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

***Today:*** None

***Next Week:*** Katie Jungquist

Accompanist: Melba De Kok

## **TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM**

**October 27:** Dennis & Melba De Kok

**November 3:** Larry & Maxine Greidanus

## **OFFERING:**

**October 27**

**AM:** General Fund

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

**November 3**

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** Campus Christian Fellowship (Skagit Valley College)



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.

**NEW CONCERN:**

We express our Christian sympathy to **Harmen & Susan De Jong & family** in the passing away of Susan's mother from Lynden this past Monday. We pray for God's peace in their time of sorrow.

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

**Wilma De Boer** was transferred to the University of Washington Hospital following a recent heart attack. She has been having tests with the hopes of a having a procedure done in the near future and looking forward to returning home. Please pray for a full recovery.

**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. He remains at Arlington Health & Rehab Center.

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:**

**Resonate Global Mission: Michigan** - Tanner from the campus ministry at Grand Valley State University, a Resonate partner in Michigan, gives thanks for the leadership training he received through a Resonate grant. "I was affirmed in my gifts, challenged in the ways I thought I knew how to do things . . . and now I feel confident in my call to ministry," he said. Pray for Tanner as he follows God's call to share the gospel.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Resonate Global Mission: Canada** As Canadians vote in their federal election today, give thanks for the freedom we have to share the gospel in Canada. Please pray for campus ministries, church plants, and missionaries who share Christ's love throughout the country.