

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

**Pastor John Knoester**

**November 10, 2019**

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

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

***“The church’s one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord.”***

Prelude: Marjo Rouw

Welcome/Announcements

\* Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Leader: We desire to live in God’s house  
and to seek God in his holy temple.

**People: We have come with shouts of joy,  
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths  
in this hour of worship and always.**

*—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23*

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\*Opening Hymn: ***“God Himself Is with Us”*** LUYH #565:1-3

1. God himself is with us; let us now adore him,  
and with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple; all within keep silence,  
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.  
Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;  
praise his name forever.
2. God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding!  
See the crowds the throne surrounding!  
“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn ascending,  
angels, saints, their voices blending!  
Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises  
that your church now raises.

**Sing acapella**

3. Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,  
trusting only in your merit.  
Like the holy angels who behold your glory,  
may I ceaselessly adore you,  
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly  
what you love so dearly.

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1729); tr. composite, P.D.;  
Music: Joachim Neander, 1680, P.D.; CCLI #678905

\* God's Greeting/ We Greet Each Other

\* Hymn of Praise: **"The Church's One Foundation"** LUYH #251:1,2,5

1. The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.
5. Yet she on earth has union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, P.D.; Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864, P.D. CCLI #67895

***"She is his new creation by water and the word"***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Thanksgiving: **"Nothing but the Blood"** CH #337:1-3

1. What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus*

*O precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

2. For my pardon this I see,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing, this my plea,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus*

3. Nothing can for sin atone,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus*

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\* We Profess our Faith – Apostles Creed (GH-pg.813)

**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 Response: ***“Nothing but the Blood”*** CH #337:4

4. This is all my hope and peace,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness,  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus*

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*Following the singing of this hymn children ages 3-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
are excused to the Koinonia Room for Children and Worship.*

Offering: General Fund

\* Sung Prayer of Preparation: ***“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*** CH #633:1-2

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

*“Open Our Eyes, Lord”* Text: Bob Cull; Music: Bob Cull (b. 1949); arr. David Allen  
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***“From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;”***

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22 (pg. 1157) Read by Alice De Vries

Message: ***“We Believe in a Holy Catholic Church and the Communion of Saints”***

Time of Prayer

***“With his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.”***

\* Song of Application: ***“Cornerstone”*** vs. 1-3

1. My hope is built on nothing less,  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Repeat Verse 1*

*Chorus*

*Christ alone cornerstone.  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*Chorus*

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone.  
Faultless stand before the throne.

*Chorus (2x)*

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\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: ***“God the Father of Your People”*** LUYH 927:1-2

1. God, the Father of your people,  
you have called us to be one;  
grant us grace to walk together  
in the joy of Christ, your Son.  
Challenged by your Word and Spirit,  
blest with gifts from heaven above,  
as one body we will serve you  
and bear witness to your love.

2. May the grace of Christ, our Savior,  
and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favor,  
rest upon us from above.  
May we now remain in union  
with each other and the Lord,  
and possess, in sweet communion,  
joys that earth cannot afford.

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\* Postlude

**Welcome!** "Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go," the psalmist prayed (Psalm 71:3). May we all find that God is a "rock of refuge" where we find help for every hour of need. A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship our Creator. 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** will resume on November 17 at 9:30 a.m.

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Sunday School Service Opportunity (and Adults!):** For the month of November we are focusing on making 22 care packages for our college age young adults and older. We want them to know that we care about them. Some ideas might be baked goodies, homemade gifts, letters/cards of encouragement, gift cards, etc. You may place your items in the labeled basket that will be on the table across from the kitchen or give them to Julie Speck by November 17.

**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 for November & January. 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>NOVEMBER-JANUARY 2019/2020 FAMILY VISITS</b>		
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Family</b>
Dave V	Jack VK	Boonstra, Shirley
Dave V	Jack VK	De Groot, Marjean
Kevin K	Randy B	De Vries, Alice
Kevin K	Randy B	Haarsma, Martha
Henry VZ	Mardick S	Klunder, Clarence & Eleanor
Henry VZ	Mardick S	Rasmussen, Keith & Jean
Tim VH	Brad DK	Kok, Kevin & Glenda
Tim VH	Brad DK	Pippel, Bob & Andy
Darrel L	Dan VK	Reehoorn, Sally
Darrel L	Dan VK	Van Zanten, Hank & Sylvia
Pastor John	Rich C	Vander Kooy, Daniel & Briana
Pastor John	Rich C	Vander Veen, Henry & Anjean
Henry H	Mardy S	VanDyke, Duane & Trudy
Henry H	Mardy S	Visser, Dave

**Note from the Deacons:** For offerings, please make all checks payable to First CRC. The money will then go to whatever the offering is for that day or to the cause you indicate in the memo line on the check. It helps if you don't make the check out to that specific organization.

### **OUR CHURCH EVENTS**

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

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"

Thanks to all who are bringing food for the **Friendship House** this week. Servers are also needed. Any monetary donations to help with expenses will be accepted also. Please bring the food to the church kitchen on Wednesday, November 13 by 4:00 p.m. Have your casseroles cooked and hot.

Today, you have opportunity again to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for "**Neighbors in Need**". Please bring your donations in and place them in the baskets located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

**Choir** will meet for practice in the sanctuary after coffee time today.

**Youth Group** will meet tonight at 6:15 PM.

The **Executive Committee** will meet on Monday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 a.m. at Sheri's Restaurant in Burlington.

**Come and support the Cadets:** The Cadets are having a Pancake Dinner Fund-raiser on Wednesday, November 13 from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Freewill donations accepted.

A November newsletter from **New Earth Recovery & Campus Christian Fellowship** can be found on the walkway shelf.

### **ADVANCED NOTICES**

A **Blood Draw** will be held on Monday, November 18, from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (closed from 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.) at First Christian Reformed Church in the Fellowship Hall. Come and give so others may live.

**Golden Hour** will meet Wednesday, November 20 at 1:30 PM. Study lesson 5.

**GEMS** will meet Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 PM. This will be their Father/Daughter event.

### **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

**Groundwork: Making Sense of Setbacks**—Just like most building and construction projects, we can expect to encounter setbacks in our lives. Join us as we study the setbacks Ezra and Nehemiah faced in Ezra 3-4 and Ezra 7:8-28 to gain a greater understanding and biblical perspective for enduring our own trials and setbacks. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Remembrance Day:** It's time for the annual Remembrance Day parade, but what exactly are Liz and his friends remembering? And why is Grandpa so sad? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Advent Gifts of Kindness devotionals to lead your family's Bible study as you prepare for Christmas.

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip** - "Wondering questions" are an excellent way to engage kids (and people of all ages!) with Scripture. For example, after you read the creation story, ask open-ended questions like "I wonder what it looked like when God created the stars?" "I wonder what it would be like if there were no predators in our world?" "I wonder what you would feel like if you were the first person in God's creation?" (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**Free Advent Devotional:** How Long, Lord? is an email devotional series put together by World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2019. Witnessing destruction and injustices can often lead us to ask the same question that God's people and the prophets in the Bible asked: "How Long, Lord?" As we continue to wrestle with that question we can also have hope that our pain will not be forever and that the God who made us is with us, now and forever. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 2, 2019, through Christmas Day. Go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!

**Paul's Missionary Journeys In Greece** (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, visit [www.jeffreyweima.com](http://www.jeffreyweima.com) or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu)

**A Musical Benefit for New Earth Recovery:** Join the NOEL ensemble in concert and celebrate the wonder of a medieval Christmas with Celtic and classical harp, flute, strings, and poetry-with treats following. This will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at First Christian Reformed Church in Mount Vernon.

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT**

**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, [smartin@telus.net](mailto:smartin@telus.net) or visit the BC Safe Church website, [bcsafechurch.com](http://bcsafechurch.com).

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

SUN	10:30 AM	Morning Service
	11:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Evening Service
	6:15 PM	Youth Group
MON	7:00 PM	Executive Committee
TUES	7:00 PM	Vida Nueva Bible Study
WED	6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study at Shari's
	4:00 PM	Friendship House
	5:00 PM	Cadets Pancake Feed Fundraiser

### **NURSERY**

**Today:** Jeannette Folkertsma, Kiera Link, Justus Visser

**Next Week:** Michele Feddema, Josie Droog, Hannah Van Hofwegen

### **GREETERS**

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

**AM:** Randy & Juli Oostra, Marinus & Jill Rouw

**Next Week:** Greg & Tish Ackermann

**AM:** Minne Van der Hoek, Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy

### **USHERS**

**Today:** Darin Kuipers, Larry Greidanus, Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

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

### **SOUND SYSTEM**

**Today:** Tim Hibma & Henry Hammingh

**Next Week:** Mardick Stevens

### **PROJECTION**

**Today:** Hannah Van Hofwegen

**Next Week:** Tim Hibma

### **VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** Brandon Speck

**Next Week:** Mike Hibma

### **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

**Today:**

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Hannah Van Hofwegen

**Next Week:**

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Beth Boon, Emma Droog

### **COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** Rich & Elly Cuperus, Dennis & Melba De Kok, Michelle De Kok

**Next Week:** Wayne & Rhea Doss, Larry & Maxine Greidanus, Jeannette Folkertsma

### **VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Sylvia Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Vida Nueva

### **MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Today:** Kevin Kok

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

**Next Week:** Melba De Kok

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

### **TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM**

**November 10:** Shirley Boonstra

**November 17:** Henry & Jayne Hammingh

### **OFFERING:**

**November 10,17,24**

**AM:** General Fund   **PM:** Campus Christian Fellowship (Skagit Valley College)

**November 27—Thanksgiving Eve**

**PM:** Undesignated gifts go to Northwest Hispanic Ministry



## 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Shirley Boonstra

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Kevin Kok

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"** LUYH #19:1,4,5

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

**"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"** LUYH #465:1,2,3

Scripture Readings: Romans 6:1-14, II Peter 1:3-10

Confession Reading: Belgic Confession Article 24

### ***The Sanctification of Sinners***

We believe that this true faith,  
produced in man by the hearing of God's Word  
and by the work of the Holy Spirit,  
regenerates him and makes him a "new man,"<sup>58</sup>  
causing him to live the "new life"<sup>59</sup>  
and freeing him from the slavery of sin.

Therefore, far from making people cold  
toward living in a pious and holy way, this justifying faith,  
quite to the contrary, so works within them that  
apart from it they will never do a thing out of love for God  
but only out of love for themselves and fear of being  
condemned.

So then, it is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful  
in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith  
but of what Scripture calls "faith working through love,"<sup>60</sup>  
which leads a man to do by himself the works that God has commanded in his Word.

These works, proceeding from the good root of faith,  
are good and acceptable to God, since they are all sanctified by God's grace.  
Yet they do not count toward our justification—  
for by faith in Christ we are justified, even before we do good works.  
Otherwise they could not be good, any more than the fruit of a tree could be good  
if the tree is not good in the first place.  
So then, we do good works, but not for merit—for what would we merit?  
Rather, we are indebted to God for the good works we do, and not he to us,  
since it is he who "works in us both to will and do according to his good pleasure"<sup>61</sup>—  
thus keeping in mind what is written: "When you have done all that is commanded you,  
then you shall say, 'We are unworthy servants;  
we have done what it was our duty to do.'"<sup>62</sup>

Yet we do not wish to deny that God rewards good works—  
but it is by grace that God crowns these gifts.

Moreover, although we do good works we do not base our  
salvation on them; for we cannot do any work that is not  
defiled by our flesh and also worthy of punishment.  
And even if we could point to one, memory of a single  
sin is enough for God to reject that work.

So we would always be in doubt, tossed back and forth without any certainty, and our poor consciences would be tormented constantly if they did not rest on the merit of the suffering and death of our Savior.

<sup>58</sup> 2 Cor. 5:17; <sup>59</sup> Rom. 6:4; <sup>60</sup> Gal. 5:6

<sup>61</sup> Phil. 2:13; <sup>62</sup> Luke 17:10

Message: ***"Cleaning Up the Pollution – Sanctification"***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Campus Christian Fellowship

Song of Application: LUYH #938 ***"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"***

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

#### **NEW CONCERNS:**

**Cody Hilsinger** was injured recently while riding his dirt bike. The foot peg cut through his knee and bursa sac requiring stitches in the inside and outside. He is slowly recovering and starting to feel better each day. Pray for a complete recovery and that surgery isn't needed in the future. **Nick Hilsinger** has been dealing with cellulitis in his legs for about two years off and on. The most recent was a trip to the emergency room which was a blessing in disguise. The doctor prescribed Nick with medication that he believes will get rid of the cellulitis for good. His leg is starting to heal and he feels much better. The family thanks everyone for their prayers.

We express our Christian sympathy to **Greg & Beth Boon & Family** in the recent passing away of Beth's Grandma, Ruth Batts. She passed away at the age of 97 in Jenison, Michigan. Please pray for comfort and peace as they mourn the passing of their loved one.

We express our Christian sympathy to **Hans & Aileen Meischke** in the passing away of Aileen's brother-in-law this past Thursday. Arie Ritzema passed away at the age of 99 in The Netherlands. Pray for peace for the family in this time of sadness.

#### **CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

**Wilma De Boer** has returned home to Creekside from the hospital. Pray for continued healing and strength.

**Adelaida Vega** (Michelle Kuiper's mother) had a scan this past Monday. She will find out the results on Monday, November 11. Pray that the results will be good.

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.

Keep our **Church Missionaries** in your prayers: Brett & Angela Nicholson in Uganda; Joe Strong working in Skagit & Whatcom County with the Hispanics; Jon & Trista Vander Wal in Papua, New Guinea; Naji & Anne Umran in Egypt; Geoff & Ashley at Graduate Christian Fellowship in Seattle.

**OTHER REQUESTS:**

**Back to God Ministries International: Prisons** - Although Dorothy's prison sentence is longer than she thought it would be, she has found comfort in God's Word through Today devotions. "When I thought I lost all the people in my world. . . . God said, 'I'm still here. No one can take me away.'" Pray that others like Dorothy will experience God's presence despite being imprisoned.

**World Renew: Bahamas** - Reports indicate that Hurricane Dorian resulted in more than 60 deaths in the Bahamas, with nearly 1,300 people still missing. World Renew is supporting local recovery organizations and working with international partners to meet people's most urgent needs as well as long-term needs. We ask God for strength, resilience, and healing for all affected families.

**Pastor Church Resources: Encouragement** - Regional Pastors (serving as pastors' pastors) and Specialized Transitional Ministers (serving with churches in a time of transition) are gathering this month to learn, share their learning, and be encouraged in the work they do for CRC pastors and congregations. Pray that God will bless their time together and energize them in their important roles.