

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Guest Pastor Matt Borst

November 3, 2019

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

***“Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.”***

Prelude: Joni Beezhold

Sung Call to Worship: LUYH #532:1-3 ***“Be Still, for the Presence”***

Solo

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found; we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Worship Team Sings

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire; with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

All Sing: Please Stand

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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* Welcome

* Opening Songs of Worship:

Reading of Isaiah 6:1-3

- 1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.
- 2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.
- 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

“Be Unto Your Name” vs. 1-2

1. We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

*Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises honor and glory
be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

2. We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song, we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Chorus x2

*Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises honor and glory
be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

Ending

Be unto Your name.

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"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" LUYH #538:1-4

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Sing acapella

3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other:

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. —2 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. —based on Ruth 2:4

Leader: As God has greeted us, so let us greet each other.

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***“Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.”***

Announcements

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Response: LUYH #749:1-2 ***“Spirit of the Living God”***

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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Words of Assurance

*Following the words of assurance - children ages 3 – 1st grade
are dismissed to the Koinonia Room for Children and Worship.*

Offering: General Fund

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #746:1-3 ***“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”***

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3. Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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***“Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;”***

Scripture Readings: Galatians 3:23-4:7 (pg. 1153) Read by Henry Kuipers

Message: ***“I Believe in the Holy Spirit”*** – Pastor Matt Borst

Time of Prayer

***“Give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.”***

* 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.**

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #351:1-3 ***“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”***

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Women Begin

2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.

Men Join In

Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Men Begin

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Women Join In

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee with thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747, P.D.; Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1831, P.D.

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #351:4 ***"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"***

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

* Postlude

Welcome to the House of the Lord! We have come to bring our worship to our God. May we do so in our singing, praying, giving, preaching and listening. May God be glorified. 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.

We welcome **Pastor Matt Borst** from Faith Community Fellowship to our worship service today. Pastor John will be at Faith Community Fellowship.

Sunday School & Catechism will not meet next Sunday, November 10. They will resume on November 17 at 9:30 a.m.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Friends,

What a surprise to walk in and see so many of you sitting there and then realizing my family was also there, even our daughter, Sandi, from Kansas. I was overwhelmed.

So many of you went the extra mile to make this evening so special. The dinner was delicious, the entertainment was great and humorous. Hydrangeas, one of my favorite flowers, were used in decorating. It was so much fun!

Over the many years I have worked, I have truly enjoyed my job. I thank God for providing my job at a time when it was needed. Being it was part-time, it gave me flexible hours, which were needed sometimes in caring for family members. God had it all planned out.

Words cannot express your generosity in your monetary gift and a picture for our home. We are planning to use the money to go on a trip, possibly Hawaii. Thank you also for the boxwood spiral plant. We have a perfect spot in our front yard for it. Thanks for the kind words expressed and for the cards that I received. It was a privilege to have worked here for 24 years. Working with Pastor Michael Kooy and currently with Pastor John were great. I have lots of good memories.

Thank you again for everything. Please support Angela as she now serves as administrative assistant and encourage her also in this time of transition.

Sylvia Van Zanten

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!

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 tenets 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. 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

Today you will have opportunity to sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, November 13. Servers are also needed. There will be a table in the Fellowship Hall where you can sign up and pick up a recipe. Monetary donations are accepted also. Any questions? Give Glenda Kok a call.

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

Youth Group will meet tonight at 6:15 PM.

Golden Hour will meet Wednesday, November 6 at 1:30 PM. Study lesson 4.

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

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.

ADVANCED NOTICES

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 AM 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.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Next week Sunday, **November 10**, you will 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 the morning or evening to the church and place them in the basket located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

Groundwork: Know That God Is Working: When life has fallen apart, it can be difficult to know where or how to begin rebuilding. Join Groundwork as we study the rebuilding of Jerusalem in Ezra 1-2, Ezra 7:1-8, and Nehemiah 1:1-4 for biblical wisdom and guidance for rebuilding with confidence after life knocks us down. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Liz: Temptation Hunter: Even though Grandpa warns him, Liz can't ignore the temptation of fame and fortune and an adventure looking for hidden treasure. 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.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Some wisdom to think about and talk about this week: "It's a gift to joyfully recognize and accept our own smallness and ordinariness. Then you are free with nothing to live up to, nothing to prove, and nothing to protect. Such freedom is my best description of Christian maturity, because once you know that your 'I' is great and one with God, you can, ironically, be quite content with a small and ordinary 'I.'" —Richard Rohr, *Radical Grace: Daily Meditations*. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; 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 to sign up today!

Volunteer Overseas with World Renew: Are you looking for ways to help end poverty, restore creation, and reconcile relationships? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program has overseas placements for individuals in language learning, health, agriculture, engineering, and more. If you are identifying God's call in your life or looking for an opportunity to use your gifts and skills, let's further God's kingdom together. To find out more, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

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 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 or visit the BC Safe Church website, 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 (360) 428-4777 Ext: 104; (509) 423-5695 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 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 Evening Service
6:15 PM Youth Group
TUES 7:00 PM Vida Nueva Bible Study
WED 1:30 PM Golden Hour
6:30 PM GEMS

NURSERY

Today: Julie Houck, Julissa Oostra, Jake Feddema

Next Week: Jeannette Folkertsma, Kiera Link, Justus Visser

GREETERS

Today - Rovers: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

AM: Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Bob & Andy Pippel

Next Week: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Randy & Juli Oostra, Marinus & Jill Rouw

USHERS

Today: Wiebe Van der Hoek, Tim Van Hofwegen, Henry Hammingh

Next Week: Darin Kuipers, Larry Greidanus, Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

SOUND SYSTEM

Today AM: Henry Van Zanten, Devin Van Zanten

Next Week: Tim Hibma & Henry Hammingh

PROJECTION

Today: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week: Josh Hammingh

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Carson Blom

Next Week: Brandon Speck

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Briana Vander Kooy, Joel Link

Next Week:

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Hannah Van Hofwegen

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Greg & Tish Ackermann, Agnes Bollema, Randy & Peggy Burr

Next Week: Rich & Elly Cuperus, Dennis & Melba De Kok, Michelle De Kok

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jayne Hammingh, Brooke Knoester

Next Week: Sylvia Van Zanten

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: Katie Jungquist

Accompanist: Melba De Kok

Next Week: Kevin Kok

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

November 3: Larry & Maxine Greidanus

November 10: Henry & Jayne Hammingh

OFFERING: Today

AM: General Fund

AM Second Offering: Gideons

PM: Campus Christian Fellowship (Skagit Valley College)

November 10

AM: General Fund

PM: Campus Christian Fellowship (Skagit Valley College)

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Katie Jungquist

"Now Thank We All Our God" LUYH #543:1 & 3

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" LUYH #366:1, 2 & 4

"I Need Thee Every Hour" LUYH #322:1, 2 & 5

Scripture Readings: Acts 13:38-41, Romans 5:1-11

Confession Reading: Belgic Confession Article 23

The Justification of Sinners

We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare that man blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works.⁵⁵

And the same apostle says that we are "justified "freely" or "by grace" through the redemption in Christ Jesus."⁵⁶

And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

That is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God's approach, without doing what our first parents, Adam did, who trembled as they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves.

In fact, if we had to appear before God relying—no matter how little—on ourselves or some other creature, then, alas, we would be swallowed up.

Therefore, everyone must say with David: “Lord, do not enter into judgment with your servants, for before you no living person shall be justified.”⁵⁷

⁵⁵Ps. 32:1; Rom. 4:6

⁵⁶Rom. 3:24

⁵⁷Ps. 143:2

Message: “**Accepted Prostitutes**”

Time of Prayer

Offering: Campus Christian Fellowship (Skagit Valley College)

Song of Application: LUYH #360 “**Amazing 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@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Wilma De Boer had a procedure done for her heart this past Wednesday. Things went well and she is planning to return home soon. Please pray for a full recovery.

Adelaida Vega (Michelle Kuiper’s mother) will be having a scan this week. 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.

PRAISE:

Clarence Vander Griend will celebrate his 90th birthday on November 6. We thank God for the many years He has blessed you with. Have a wonderful birthday Clarence.

OTHER REQUESTS:

World Renew: Haiti - In the past few years Haiti has seen a great deal of political unrest and economic decline. Additionally, several periods of drought and flooding in 2018 have greatly reduced agricultural yields, leading to chronic food insecurity and nutritional crises. As we recognize World Hunger Sunday today, we pray that God will bring hope and healing to the millions of people navigating hunger, poverty, and illness in Haiti.

Worship Ministries: Planning - As we approach the special seasons of Advent and Christmas, pray for strength, creativity, and endurance for all worship planners, pastors, and leaders. May God give spiritual protection against all that would bring discouragement and seek to destroy our thankfulness and joy during this busy and beautiful time of year.

Disability Concerns: Mental health - Praise God that we Christians are beginning to address mental health issues more openly, and pray that people who have been affected by their own or a loved one's mental health challenges will find hope, encouragement, and community within Christian congregations.

Resonate Global Mission: Partners - Praise God for the many churches, families, and individuals who partner with church plants, campus ministries, and missionaries through Resonate! On this Reformation Day, pray that God will work powerfully through your partnership so that many more lives are transformed by the good news of Jesus.

Back to God Ministries International: India - Our Hindi ministry team in northern India is recording songs with about 20 different local musicians to be featured on audio programs. Pray that this project will help the Hindi ministry team connect with more people and open new doors to sharing the gospel.

World Renew: World Hunger Awareness - Isaiah 58 shows that God calls his people to loose the chains of injustice, free the oppressed, share food with the hungry, shelter the stranger, and reconcile with estranged family members. These acts not only draw us closer to each other but also deepen our relationship with God. In this time of World Hunger Awareness, pray that all who are hungry may experience a fuller relationship with the Lord who brings healing, righteousness, and hope.

Raise Up Global Ministries: Coffee Break: Changes - Coffee Break groups are launching all over the world, and we desire prayer for churches, ministry leaders, and participants. May this be a year of transformation that deepens participants' walks with the Lord and welcomes new hearts to God's kingdom. Pray for unity and peace in the Spirit among all who work to make Coffee Break studies and groups possible.