

God's Word Gives Our Lives Direction

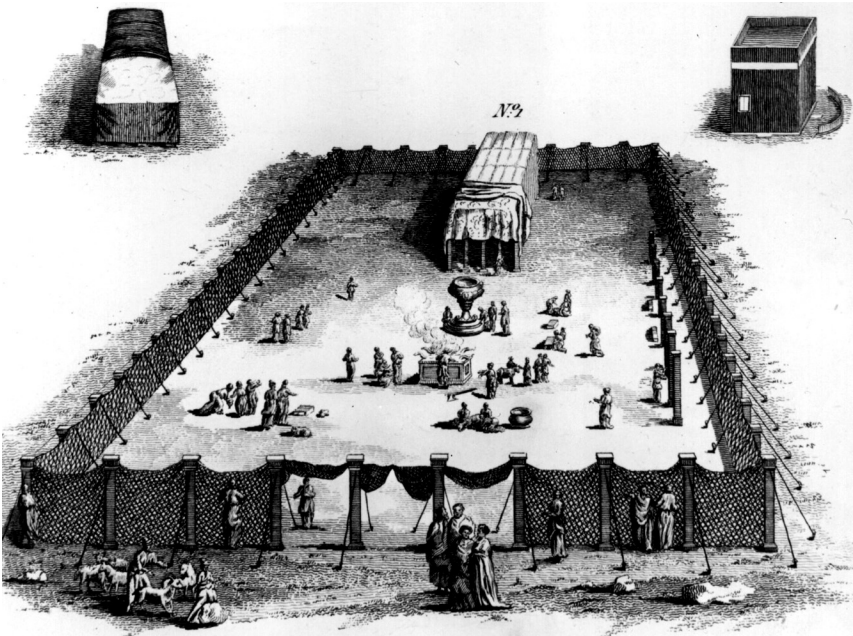


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Worship Services
10:30 AM
6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May



January 5, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Elder Darrel Lagerwey

January 5, 2020

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

"Lord, the light of your love is shining"

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #542:1-3**

"All Glory Be to God on High"

1. All glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth from heaven,
and God's goodwill unfailingly
be to his people given.
Almighty God, you are our King:
we worship you, our thanks we bring,
we praise you for your glory.
2. O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,
whom God the Father gave us,
who for the world was sacrificed
upon the cross to save us,
at God's right hand you intercede
for those who for your mercy plead;
receive the prayer we offer.
3. You only are the Holy One
who came for our salvation,
and only you are God's true Son
who was before creation.
You only, Christ, as Lord we own,
and with the Spirit you alone
share in the Father's glory.

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Praise:
Colossians 1:15-16

LUYH #15:1-2 *"The First Place"*

1. Jesus, the perfect picture of the unseen God.
Maker of things we cannot comprehend.
Wisdom, the earth displays your strength and beauty.
Sovereign, yes, every throne knows you are God.

Refrain

*Every inch of this universe belongs to you, O Christ.
For through you and for you it was made.
Your creation endures by the order of your hand.
So you must have in all things the first place.*

2. Victor, over sin and death you triumphed.
Firstborn, you've shown us life beyond the grave.
Bridegroom, we long for you in expectation.
Jesus, your church rejoices to proclaim.

Refrain X 2

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LUYH #100:1-4 *"Jesus, the Light of the World"*

1. Hark, the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King.
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

2. Joyful, all ye nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

3. Christ, by highest heaven adored.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

4. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

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"In the midst of the darkness, shining"

Welcoming of New Members

– Bob De Groot, Harmen and Susan De Jong, Katie De Jong

We Celebrate the Profession of Faith – Kendall Van Zanten

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Children ages 3 – 1st grade are excused for Children and Worship)

Offering: General Fund

* Song of Preparation: *"Shine Jesus Shine"*

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, River, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

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"Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us"

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *"Seeing Christ in the Tabernacle"*

Time of Prayer

"Set us free by the truth you now bring us"

* Call to Service/Discipleship:

LEADER: The light of God's purposes has shone upon us. Carry that light into another week.

PEOPLE: **The star of God's promises that led us to worship now leads us to serve in God's world.**

LEADER: When we have met God in the light, we cannot dwell comfortably in the shadows.

PEOPLE: **We cannot enjoy our abundance and wealth without thanksgiving and generous sharing.**

LEADER: The glory of God shines on you today. Others will see your radiance and rejoice with you.

PEOPLE: **We seek God’s peace that we may share it, God’s wisdom that we may live by it, in Christ’s name.**

LEADER: Amen.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

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* Benediction

* Closing Song: LUYH #859:1-4 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Postlude

On this first Sunday of the ***New Year, welcome*** to worship! We have come to honor and praise the living God who makes all things new. Paul reminds us that it is God who enables us to “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Let us glorify God with that reality in mind. Blessings on one and all. After the worship service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Sunday School & Catechism Classes will not meet for several weeks. They will resume on January 26 at 9:30 a.m.

We welcome ***Elder Darrel Lagerwey*** who will bring God's Word to us today.

This morning we will witness the Profession of Faith of ***Kendall Van Zanten***. We pray that God will continue to use you for His service and that you will continue to grow closer to Him everyday.

Kendall Van Zanten's Testimony of Faith

As a child, I grew up in a Christian family going to church every Sunday and attending a Christian school where chapel once a week was required. This period of time set a good foundation to my faith, but as I went through high school and approached college, I felt like there was something missing still. Something that made me feel like I wasn't ready to call my faith my own yet. Once I got to college is when it all started to come together. Going to church became a choice I had to make as well as figure out a way to get there if I wanted to go. I found a great church body at the First CRC in town with people who cared about their relationships with you and wanted to make you feel welcome. I have even been able to join the choir there and feel like I am a part of that church. Attending Dordt provided the option of going to chapel as well as other student led worship times a couple of times a week. These became another thing that anytime I wasn't able to make it to, I felt like I was missing something important. And then bad news came this last summer. One of my cross-country teammates at Dordt was killed in a car crash over the summer. A lot of what people talked about when they thought of him was his relationship with people and God. It was through this time that I thought about how the same thing could happen to me at any point. God worked in me through the death of my teammate to show me that it was my time to respond in faith. I could no longer just rely on the faith of others, it was time for me to take my own step of faith.

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.

NOVEMBER-JANUARY 2019/2020 FAMILY VISITS		
Elder	Deacon	Family
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 & Nancy

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

Today, following the morning service, you will have an opportunity to sign up for a casserole, or dessert to bring 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, January 8 by 4:00 PM. Have your casseroles cooked and hot.

The **Men's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington.

Golden Hour will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m. Study Lesson 7.

The **Cadets** will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m.

ADVANCED NOTICES

A **Blood Draw** will be held on Monday, January 13, from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (closed from 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at Emmanuel Baptist Church in the Fireside Room. Please help ensure an ample summer blood supply.

The **Executive Committee** will meet Monday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The **GEMS** will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Groundwork: Jesus Is the Light of Life: Jesus' saying "I am the light of the world" is a well-loved and beautiful word for us. Join us as we study the original context of his teaching in John 8:12-59 to be reminded of our need for light and encouraged that the light of Christ will break through the darkness in our lives and world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Racing to Wind: Check out our kid shows at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode, "Racing to Win," Liz wants to drive a racing car that he finds in Grandpa's barn. Instead, Grandpa agrees to teach him to drive, but with an old lawn tractor. Will this training be enough for Liz? Will his time ever come to race that car? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Collection of Memories Kit 2020 for a family activity today. kidscorner.net/activities

At-home Faith Formation Tip: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance" (Eccles 3:1-4). As we enter a new year full of unknowns, remind each other to take comfort in the knowledge that all your times are in God's hand. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Next week, January 12, 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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	10:30 AM	Morning Service
WED	6:30 AM	Men’s Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Golden Hour
	7:00 PM	Cadets

NURSERY

Today: Sue Blom, Hannah van Hofwegen, Franchesca Bill

Next Week: Elly Cuperus, Josie Droog, Tessa Speck

GREETERS

Today - Rovers: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

AM: Les & Joy Faber, Jeannette Folkertsma, Jill Klunder

Next Week Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

AM: Jim & Michele Feddema, Martha Haarsma, Katie Jungquist

USHERS

Today: Henry Van Zanten Jr, Tim Hibma, Wiebe Van der Hoek

Next Week: Henry Hammingh, Tim Hibma, Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

SOUND

Today: Mardick Stevens

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today: Nathan Van Beek

Next Week: Hannah Van Hofwegen

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Carson Blom

Next Week: Mike Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today: Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Beth Boon, Justus Visser

Next Week: Teacher: Tim Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Monica Droog, Rayahna Oostra

COFFEE HOSTS

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

Next Week: Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jeannette Folkertsma,

Larry & Maxine Greidanus

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jayne Hammingh, Brooke Knoester

Next Week: Sylvia Van Zanten

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: Dennis De Kok; Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Next Week: Kayla Van Hofwegen; Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

January 12: Shirley Boonstra

OFFERING:

January 12:

AM: General Fund; **PM:** Partners Relief & Development

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Dennis De Kok

"O Worship the King" LUYH #2:1-3

"For the Beauty of the Earth" LUYH #19:1-3

"Children of the Heavenly Father" LUYH # 23:1-4

Scripture Readings and Confession: Acts 2:42-47, I Peter 1:3-16,
Ephesians 4:1-6

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession Article 27

The Holy Catholic Church

We believe and confess
one single catholic or universal church—
a holy congregation and gathering
of true Christian believers,
awaiting their entire salvation in Jesus Christ
being washed by his blood,
and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

This church has existed from the beginning of the world
and will last until the end, as appears from the fact
that Christ is eternal King who cannot be without subjects.

And this holy church is preserved by God
against the rage of the whole world,
even though for a time it may appear very small
in the eyes of men—as though it were snuffed out.

For example, during the very dangerous time of Ahab
the Lord preserved for himself seven thousand men
who did not bend their knees to Baal.⁷⁵

And so this holy church is not confined, bound,
or limited to a certain place or certain persons.
But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world,
though still joined and united in heart and will,
in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.

⁷⁵ 1 Kings 19:18

Message: ***“The Holy Catholic Church”***

Time of Prayer

Offering: Partners Relief & Development

Song of Application: LUYH #251:1-4

“The Church’s One Foundation”

* God’s Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



How can we **PRAY** for you?

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.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Keep **Duane Van Dyke** in your prayers as he spent some time at Mira Vista for skilled nursing care but is now back at Where the Heart Is. Pray for continued healing for Duane. Pray for Trudy also as she encourages him.

Remember those in prayer that have lost loved ones recently.

Adelaida Vega (Michelle Kuiper's mother) recent scan showed that her cancer continues to shrink. She will continue with chemo once every three weeks. Continue to pray for healing.

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

Pray for those who are who will be traveling this time of the year.

SHUT INS:

Nell Annema at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; **Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington; **Case Lanting** at Olympic Place in Arlington, WA; **Wilma Paul** at Life Care Center in Sedro-Woolley; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Adrianna Swanson** at Homeplace in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA; **Duane Van Dyke** at Where the Heart Is in Burlington (temporarily at Mira Vista); **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS:

Calvin Theological Seminary: January term - Pray for students and faculty during their January term courses, including a travel course to Israel/Palestine. Pray also for new students who will soon be coming for spring semester orientation at the end of January.

World Renew: Malawi - Our Church in Community programs help church leaders and congregations make positive changes in their local communities by addressing challenges and goals. One way they encourage conversation and change is through Bible study. As a new program develops in Malawi, ask God to guide participants in listening, learning, and understanding what it means to love one another.

Back to God Ministries International: Burkina Faso - Although Tinashe's parents don't allow her to attend church, she faithfully tunes in to our French radio broadcast each day. Our French-ministry leader writes, "Please pray for Tinashe and for all our brothers and sisters who rely on our programs to feed their spiritual hunger."

Resonate Global Mission: Middle East - A Resonate missionary in the Middle East asks you to pray for ministry leaders they work with who are seeking to bring the gospel to a country devastated by war. Pray for God's wisdom, discernment, encouragement, and protection.

CRC Communications: New year - As we begin a new calendar year, let us pray that God, who made us and loves us, will move in our hearts throughout the coming year to stay close to him in prayer and through fellowship with other believers.

Leadership Ministry: Servants - As this year draws to a close, give thanks for the men and women who serve the Christian Reformed Church in your local congregation, your classis, at synod, and in the denomination's ministries. Ask God to sustain these servant leaders throughout the coming new year.

World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS) - Disasters such as the devastating California fires can cause more than structural damage. People who are affected often feel confused, hopeless, distressed, and forgotten long after the firestorm has passed. Yet we serve a God who remembers his people. Please pray for the families in California who are still reeling from this year's and last year's fires.