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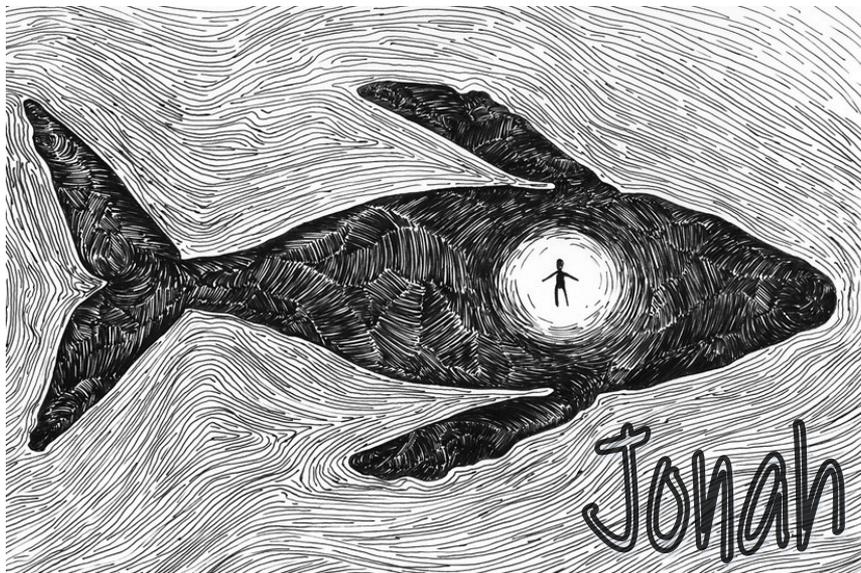
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Pastor John Knoester

Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May



January 12, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Prelude

* Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 6:1-3

* Opening Hymn: LUYH #538:1-4 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

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.
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.

Sing acapella

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!

Words: Reginald Heber; Music: John B. Dykes;

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* God's Greeting/ We Greet Each Other

* Hymn of Praise LYUH #2:1-3, 5 *“O Worship the King”*

1. O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

PSALM 104; Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.; Music: W. Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; attr. Johann Michael Haydn, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

*“Early In The Morning
Our Song Shall Rise To Thee”*

Call to Confession

Spoken and Sung Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51:1-6

LUYH #622:1-2 *“God, Be Merciful To Me”*

1. God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea;
Wash me, make me pure within;
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

2. My transgressions I confess;
grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against your grace
and provoked you to your face.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

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Psalm 51:7-12

LUYH #622:3-4 “*God, Be Merciful To Me*”

3. I am evil, born in sin;
you desire truth within.
Make me pure, your mercy show;
wash me whiter than the snow.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

4. Let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear your voice;
from my sins, O hide your face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

Refrain

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Psalm 51:13-17

LUYH #622:1 “*God, Be Merciful To Me*”

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on your grace I rest my plea;
Wash me, make me pure within;
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain

*God, be merciful to me,
on your grace I rest my plea.*

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Assurance of Pardon

LEADER: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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* Song of Assurance: LUYH #696:1-3 *"Marvelous Grace"*

1. Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

2. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away!
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today.

Refrain

3. Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
freely bestowed on all who believe:
you that are longing to see his face,
will you this moment his grace receive?

Refrain

Words: Julia H. Johnston, P.D.

Offering: General Fund

* Song of Preparation: LYUH #691:1-5 *"Amazing Grace"*

1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Words: st. 1-4 John Newton, 1779, st. 5 A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, P.D
Music: Virginia Harmony, 1831; adapt. and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900, P.D.;
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"Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty,"

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-4 (pg. 916)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***An Introduction to the Book of Jonah:
"The Mercy and Sovereignty of God"***

Time of Prayer

"God In Three Persons, Blessed Trinity"

* Hymn of Application LUYH# 690:1,2 & 4

"I Know Not Why Gods Wondrous Grace"

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he has made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.

Refrain

*But "I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day."*

2. I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his Word
wrought peace within my heart.

Refrain

4. I know not what of good or ill
may be reserved for me,
of weary ways or golden days,
before his face I see.

Refrain

*Words: based on 2 Timothy 1:12, Daniel W. Whittle, 1883; P.D.;
Music: James McGranahan, 1883, P.D.; CCLI # 678905*

* Benediction

* Doxology: *Benediction Song*

1. May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.

Chorus

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal the King of kings.*

2. May this peace which passes understanding,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion
make us one in spirit and in heart.

Chorus (2x)

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal the King of kings.*

Final Ending:

Christ eternal the King of kings.

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Postlude

Welcome! We invite all of you to praise God with hearts and hands and voices. Let us be mindful of the wonders God has given us. Come rejoice in God and together sing praises to His name. Reach out in warmth to all who have gathered in the house of the Lord. After joining us in worship, 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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Duane Van Dyke passed away early Wednesday morning. Please pray for Trudy and the rest of the Van Dyke family as they mourn his loss. Service details have not been decided yet.

The **Nominating Committee** for elders and deacons will be meeting soon. If you wish to nominate someone for elder or deacon, please give their name to Dennis De Kok, chairman of the nominating committee.

Dear Friends,

The book of Jonah is probably one of the more beloved books of the Old Testament. Many of us first became familiar with this story at an early age. I personally am reminded of the story nearly every summer when we go whale watching on the coast.

The book of Jonah challenges us to consider not only what it means to *believe* the gospel of God's grace, but also what it means to *live* it. Furthermore, Jonah reminds us that one of the chief characteristics of

believers is not that we never sin, for sadly we still do, but that we should be ready to repent of our sin whenever we are reminded of God's grace. Therefore, if you are still learning the grace of Jesus Christ – then Jonah is an ideal companion to study and learn from.

The following is the tentative schedule of our study in the weeks to come. As always, you are encouraged to read the text in advance before each Sunday. May God bless us as we walk/swim with Jonah in these weeks to come.

In His Grace,
Pastor John

Jan. 12 - *“The Mercy and Sovereignty of God” – Jonah 1:1-4*

Jan. 19 – *“The God Who Never Lets Go” – Jonah 1:4-16*

Feb. 9 – *“A Cry from the Depths” – Jonah 1:17-2:10*

Feb. 16 – *“A Great Revival” – Jonah 3:1-10*

Feb. 23 – *“The Mercy of God” – Jonah 4:1-11*

Family Visiting: The following is the current family visiting schedule for November - January. Please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange a time for the visit. If you have questions about the schedule, please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hamming 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

Donations for Neighbors in Need - 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.

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

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

ADVANCED NOTICES

The ***Worship Planning Committee*** will meet Monday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The ***Evangelism Committee*** will meet Monday, January 20 at 7:47 p.m.

The ***Men's Bible Study*** will meet Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington.

Golden Hour will meet Wednesday, January 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Cadets will meet Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Young at Heart will meet at 12:30 p.m. at IHOP.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

Can I Get a Witness? - Check out our kid shows at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode, “Can I Get a Witness?” Liz and Lucille are challenged to be better witnesses to their friends. Liz wonders what the best way is to tell people about Jesus. Is there a best way? Join Liz and his friends this week as they learn about witnessing. 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

Family Fire - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Groundwork: We are Christ's Light - What does Jesus mean when he tells his followers "You are the light of the world"? Join Groundwork as we study Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:13-15 to discover what it means for how we live our lives and shine our light as faithful followers of Jesus today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home by Traci Smith (Chalice Press), contains hundreds of ideas for traditions, ceremonies and spiritual practices that build faith, from creating a "sacred space" in your house, to mealtime and bedtime blessings, to new ways to pray together. It's an amazing resource that can help families with children start some new household faith habits in the new year. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

We are excited to announce that **Aspire 2020** will be coming to Bothell in February. We have a great night planned for you, all you have to do is gather some girlfriends and show up, we got the rest. It may seem like a long time from now but we wanted to get this on your calendar. We have an amazing lineup including Author & Speaker Melissa Spoelstra, Comedian Amberly Neese, and Worship Leader Mia Koehne. We are reaching out to you now to get you everything you need to get started. We hope you can join us! Visit <https://aspirewomensevents.com/> for more information.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
	6:30p.m.	Evening Service
MON	12:00 p.m.	Blood Draw
	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
TUES	7:00 p.m.	Vida Nueva Bible Study
WED	6:30 p.m.	GEMS

NURSERY

Today: Elly Cuperus, Josie Droog, Tessa Speck

Next Week: Johnna Van der Hoek, Kennedy Donaldson,
Jacob Feddema

GREETERS

Today - Rovers: Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

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

Next Week Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Larry & Maxine Greidanus, Kermit & Julie Houck

USHERS

Today: Henry Hammingh, Tim Hibma, Henry Van Zanten, Jr.

Next Week: Wiebe Van der Hoek, Larry Greidanus, Henry Hammingh

SOUND

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Henry Van Zanten

PROJECTION

Today: Hannah Van Hofwegen

Next Week: Devin Van Zanten

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Mike Hibma

Next Week: Tim Hibma

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Tim Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Monica Droog, Rayahna Oostra

Next Week:

Teacher: Tim Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Shanna Visser, Kiera Link

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Wayne & Rhea Doss, Jeannette Folkertsma,

Larry & Maxine Greidanus

Next Week: Keti Jungquist, Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Jill Klunder

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Sylvia Van Zanten

Next Week: Vida Nueva

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: Kayla Van Hofwegen

Accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

Next Week: Dennis De Kok

Accompanist: Marjo Rouw

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

January 19: Les & Joy Faber

January 26: Larry & Maxine Greidanus

JANUARY OFFERINGS:

AM: General Fund

PM: Partners Relief & Development

6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Shirley Boonstra

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Kayla Van Hofwegen

LUYH#363:1,3 - *"Blessed Assurance"*

LUYH#262:1-3 - *"I Love To Tell the Story"*

LUYH#506:1,2 - *"Better Is One Day"*

Scripture Readings and Confession: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession Article 28

The Obligations of Church Members

We believe that

since this holy assembly and congregation
is the gathering of those who are saved
and there is no salvation apart from it,
no one ought to withdraw from it,
content to be by himself,
regardless of their status or condition.

But all people are obliged
to join and unite with it,
keeping the unity of the church
by submitting to its instruction and discipline,
by bending their necks under the yoke of Jesus Christ,
and by serving to build up one another,
according to the gifts God has given them
as members of each other
in the same body.

And to preserve this unity more effectively,
it is the duty of all believers,
according to God's Word,
to separate themselves
from those who do not belong to the church,
in order to join this assembly
wherever God has established it,
even if civil authorities and royal decrees forbid
and death and physical punishment result.

And so,
all who withdraw from the church
or do not join it
act contrary to God's ordinance.

Message:

"The True Church of Christ and the Obligations of its Members"

Time of Prayer

Song of Application: LUYH #252:1,2,4
"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

Offering

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Jonah and the whale word search



- Jonah - Ship
- Whale - Believe
- Storm - Swallow
- Sea - Fish



Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:17



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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.

NEW REQUESTS:

Duane Van Dyke passed away peacefully early Wednesday morning. Pray for Trudy and the rest of the family as they mourn his loss.

Jordan Kok (son of Kevin and Glenda Kok) suffered a severe stroke Thursday. He underwent emergency brain surgery and was put in a medically induced coma. Please pray for healing for Jordan, as well as comfort for Kevin and Glenda and the entire extended family.

Pray for our **college students** as they return to classes.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

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.

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; **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington.

OTHER REQUESTS:

GEMS Girls' Clubs: (God's love) It's not easy being a girl today. Girls as young as five are worried about their weight. A girl's self-esteem peaks at age nine and then takes a nosedive. But when a girl hears who God is and all he says about her, everything changes. Pray for GEMS Girls' Clubs as they share God's love with girls everywhere.

Pastor Church Resources: (Peer learning) In the next several weeks a number of pastors will begin to meet in peer-learning groups. Pray that God will richly bless their time together in the coming year as they explore their chosen topic and they support, encourage, and pray for one another. May God renew them for the work to which they have been called.

Disability Concerns: (Engagement) More than half of adults over age 75 live with a disability. Pray that our churches and communities can provide appropriate supports to older adults and that our churches will come alongside people dealing with acquired disabilities and continue to engage them fully in church life.

World Renew: (Nigeria) In the past year violent attacks on civilians increased in northern Nigeria. Pray that Christian leaders may find the wisdom and courage to work with peace-loving groups. We ask God to meet all the physical needs of the people who are affected. Pray for grace, asking that mission organizations in Nigeria will not to be discouraged from serving as peacemakers amid difficult situations.

Back to God Ministries International: (ReFrame Media) Pray for Craig, who shared a request with our marriage and family program, Family Fire: “My heart is sad; I am going through a divorce. It has brought me closer to God, but I know I still have a long way to go. My grown kids are doing well and are very supportive, but I am just praying that something good will come from all this.”

Resonate Global Mission: (Epiphany) This week we observed Epiphany, recognizing that Jesus came to bring the good news of God’s love to all nations. Please pray for Resonate missionaries, campus ministers, and church planters. They are following Christ’s example and moving into neighborhoods throughout the world to share the light of God’s love with others.