

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 19, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

"I have a Maker, He formed my heart."

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 22:27-28

²⁷All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, ²⁸for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.

*** Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #511:1-3**

"Amid the Thronging Worshipers"

1. Amid the thronging worshipers
the Lord, our God, I bless;
before his people gathered here
his name will I confess.
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord,
the children of his grace;
with reverence sound his glories forth
and bow before his face.
2. The burden of the sorrowful
the Lord will not despise;
he has not turned from those who mourn,
he listens to their cries.
His goodness makes me join the throng
where saints his praise proclaim,
and there will I fulfill my vows
with those who fear his name.

3. He feeds with good the humble soul
and satisfies the meek,
and they shall live and praise the Lord
who for his mercy seek.
The ends of all the earth will hear,
the nations seek the Lord;
they worship him, the King of kings,
in earth and heaven adored.

Psalm 22; Words: Psalter, 1912, P.D.; Music: Laura A. Tate, 1912, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

*"Before even time began
my life was in his hands."*

* Song of Worship: *"Is He Worthy"*

Soloist (Congregation responds)

1. Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)
But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through? (We do.)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do.)

Soloist (Congregation responds)

2. Is all creation groaning? (It is.)
Is a new creation coming? (It is.)
Is the glory of the Lord
to be the light within our midst? (It is.)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)

Chorus 1: All Sing

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy, is He worthy
of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.*

Soloist (Congregation responds)

3. Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)
And does Jesus our Messiah,
hold forever those He loves? (He does.)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.)

Chorus 2: All Sing

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests
to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy, is He worthy
of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy, is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.*

Ending

Is He worthy, is He worthy? He is. He is.

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Sanctity of Life Sunday Litany

Sung Prayer of Confession: LUYH #339:1-2

"He Knows My Name"

1. I have a Maker, he formed my heart,
before even time began, my life was in his hand.

Refrain

He knows my name,
he knows my every thought,
he sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call.

2. I have a Father, he calls me his own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.

Refrain

He knows my name,
he knows my every thought,
he sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call.

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The Assurance of God's Pardon

* Song of Response: LUYH #360

"You Are My King" (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven because you were forsaken.
I'm accepted; you were condemned.
I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me
because you died and rose again.

Refrain

Amazing love, how can it be
that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
it's my joy to honor you.
Amazing love, how can it be
that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
it's my joy to honor you.
In all I do I honor you.

Bridge

You are my king. *(Jesus)* You are my king. *(Jesus)*
You are my king. *(Jesus)* You are my king. *(Jesus)*

Refrain

Amazing love, how can it be
that you, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
it's my joy to honor you.
In all I do I honor you.

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(Children ages 3 years-1st grade are dismissed for Children & Worship)

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* Song of Preparation: *"Open Our Eyes"*

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 and Music: Bob Cull (b. 1949); arr. David Allen (B. 1941)

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*"He knows my name,
he knows my every thought."*

Scripture Readings: Jonah 1:1-16 (pg. 916)

Message: *"The God Who Never Let's Go"*

Prayer of Application

*"He sees each tear that falls
and hears me when I call."*

Song of Application: LUYH #660

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

1. Jesus, draw me ever nearer
as I labor through the storm.
You have called me to this passage,
and I'll follow though I'm worn.

Refrain

*May this journey bring a blessing;
may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart's testing
with your likeness let me wake.*

2. Jesus, guide me through the tempest;
keep my spirit staid and sure.
When the midnight meets the morning,
let me love you even more.

Refrain

*May this journey bring a blessing;
may I rise on wings of faith;
and at the end of my heart's testing
with your likeness let me wake.*

*please stand

3. Let the treasures of the trial
form within me as I go,
and at the end of this long passage
let me leave them at your throne.

Refrain

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* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, P.D.; Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551, P.D. CCLI #678905

Postlude

Welcome! As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. May we together experience the presence of God. 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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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 Let's 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. 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, Trudy
Henry H	Mardy S	Visser, Dave & Nancy

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The memorial service for ***Rimmer De Vries*** will take place on Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. at the Camano Lutheran Church (850 Heichel Rd, Camano, WA 98282).

The memorial service for ***Jordan Kok*** will take place on Friday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church.

The memorial service for ***Wayne Vander Pol*** (brother of Ryanne Vander Pol) will take place Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the Education Building of Second Christian Reformed Church in Lynden (113 8th St, Lynden, WA 98264).

The memorial service for ***Duane Van Dyke*** will take place Wednesday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

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

The ***Evangelism Committee*** will meet Monday, January 20 at 7:45 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 Thursday, January 23 at 12:30 p.m. at IHOP.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Cadet Sunday will be next Sunday, January 26.

Sunday School & Catechism Classes will resume on January 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Our ***Church Potluck*** will be held on Sunday, February 2, after the morning service. Please bring a 9x13 inch hot dish (enough to feed 12-15), and salad or dessert. Table service is provided as well as juice and coffee.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

The annual ***Quilts & More Auction and Tea*** at North Cascades Christian Fellowship is coming Saturday, February 1st, 2020. This is a fun and unique event raising money to support Pregnancy Choices' life-giving services. We appreciate all of your support!

Groundwork: OUR MOTIVATION FOR MORALITY - The epiphany or appearing of Christ in our world altered our destiny and made us different people. Study Titus 2:11-15 with Groundwork to discover why the appearing of Christ, his light and grace, both motivates us and makes it possible for us to do good. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

What a Friend - Check out our kid shows at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode, "What a Friend," Scooter is bullied. He tries to talk to his friends and others around him, but they don't have the time to listen to him. Grandpa listens and then reminds Scooter that Jesus is someone who will always listen and will understand. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download the Kids Corner ebook "Power Tools: Taking a Stand Against Bullying" kidscorner.net/activities

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - "Marking faith milestones makes us sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and helps us identify and share our stories of faith. As we celebrate milestones, we become a community of seekers as well as believers, always on the lookout for God's hand at work, always expecting to join in God's mission." —from *Celebrating the Milestones of Faith*, available from FaithAliveResources.org. How might you mark faith milestones in your family or household this 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
	6:30 p.m.	Evening Service
MON	6:30 p.m.	Worship Planning Committee Meeting
	7:45 p.m.	Evangelism Committee Meeting
TUES	7:00 p.m.	Vida Nueva Bible Study
WED	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	1:30 p.m.	Golden Hour
	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
THURS	12:30 p.m.	Young at Heart Lunch

NURSERY

Today: Johnna Van der Hoek, Kennedy Donaldson, Jacob Feddema

Next Week: Julie Houck, Rayahna Oostra, Justus Visser

GREETERS

Today - Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: Larry & Maxine Greidanus, Kermit & Julie Houck

Next Week Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus

AM: Cadets

USHERS

Today: Wiebe Van der Hoek, Larry Greidanus, Henry Hammingh

Next Week: Tim Hibma, Tim Van Hofwegen, Larry Greidanus

SOUND

Today: Henry Van Zanten

Next Week: Henry Hammingh

PROJECTION

Today: Devin Van Zanten

Next Week: Josh Hammingh

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Brandon Speck

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Tim Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Shanna Visser, Kiera Link

Next Week:

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Johnna Van der Hoek, Jordan Feddema

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Katie Jungquist, Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Jill Klunder

Next Week: John & Dena Klunder, Kevin & Glenda Kok, Darin & Michele Kuipers

Cookies: Jill Stevens, Sylvia Van Zanten, Shirley Boonstra

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Vida Nueva

Next Week: Vida Nueva

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: Greg Boon

Accompanist: Melba De Kok

Next Week: Henry Hamming

Accompanist: Melba De Kok

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

January 26: Larry & Maxine Greidanus

February 2: Henry & Jayne Hammingh

JANUARY OFFERINGS:

AM: General Fund

PM: Partners Relief & Development

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Greg Boon

LUYH #43, Guide me Oh Thou Great Redeemer

LUYH #262, I love to tell the Story

LUYH #365, I Serve A Risen Savior

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

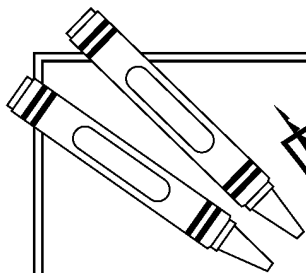
"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

Offering: Partners Relief & Development

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



PUZZLE

FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



gain	as	or	ear	van	an	for	give	
gave	her	on	it	one	other	he	an	a

B _____ w _____ h each

ot _____ d _____ give

_____ e an _____ if _____ y

of you h _____ grie _____ ce

a _____ st some _____ .

For _____ as t _____ L _____ d

for _____ you.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV



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:

Rimmer De Vries passed away Monday morning. Please pray for his family and for the arrangements that need to be made.

Vickie Mckee (Mardick and Jill Stevens sister-in-law) passed away from cancer of the bone marrow. Please pray for God's comfort for her husband Gary and for their extended family and friends.

As a church family, we have lost many loved ones recently. Please continue to lift each other up in prayer.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Pray for **Kevin and Glenda Kok** and the entire Kok family as they grieve the loss Jordan. Pray for them as they prepare for Jordan's memorial service.

Continue to pray for **Trudy Van Dyke** and the rest of the family as they mourn Duane's loss. Pray also for all the decisions and arrangements that need to be made.

Continue to pray for healing for **Adelaida Vega** (Michelle Kuiper's mother) as she continues chemo.

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:

Office of Social Justice: (Sanctity of Human Life Sunday) Today please pray for the safety and protection of women and children who are vulnerable to abortion, and of those who face risks during pregnancy and childbirth. In particular, please ask that people of color be treated equitably and receive full access to all needed medical attention.

Resonate Global Mission: (Lithuania) Resonate missionaries Joel and Hailey Altena, who serve at LCC International University in Lithuania, are mentoring 15 student leaders. Please pray for these student leaders and for wisdom for Joel and Hailey.

World Renew: (Guatemala) We ask God for security for everyone involved in the work of World Renew in Guatemala. Pray for the directors of our partner agencies, for wisdom, health, and patience to conduct programs and projects. Pray also that God will continue establishing his kingdom in local communities through our work.

Back to God Ministries International: (Japan) A radio listener called in to express concern for the church in Japan and to give thanks for our radio program. He said that his pastor recently retired, so they no longer have a full-time pastor at their church. Ask God to bring forward leaders for this church and for many other congregations in Japan that face similar challenges.

Resonate Global Mission: (Seattle, WA) Give thanks for the committed student leaders of Graduate Christian Fellowship (InterVarsity) and Church on the Ave., Resonate partner ministries in Seattle. Student leaders work hard to welcome new graduate students and to build Christian community at the University of Washington. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work through them.