

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

***Pastor John Knoester***

***January 26, 2020—Cadet Sunday***

**Morning Service – 10:30 AM**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

*“Living for Jesus a life that is true”*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-2, 12-13

<sup>1</sup>It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, <sup>2</sup>proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,

<sup>12</sup>The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; <sup>13</sup>planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #513: 1-3

*“It is Good to Sing Your Praises”*

1. It is good to sing your praises  
and to thank you, O Most High,  
showing forth your loving-kindness  
when the morning lights the sky.  
It is good when night is falling  
of your faithfulness to tell,  
while with sweet, melodious praises  
songs of adoration swell.
2. You have filled my heart with gladness  
through the works your hands have wrought;  
you have made my life victorious;  
great your works and deep your thought.  
You, O Lord, on high exalted,  
reign forevermore in might;  
all your enemies shall perish,  
sin be banished from your sight.

3. But the good shall live before you,  
planted in your dwelling place,  
fruitful trees and ever verdant,  
nourished by your boundless grace.  
In his goodness to the righteous  
God his righteousness displays;  
God, my rock, my strength and refuge,  
just and true are all your ways.

PSALM 92; Words: Psalter, 1912, P.D.; Music: J. Leavitt's Christian Lyre, 1831, P.D.;  
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\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Songs of Praise:

Ephesians 6:10-12

*"O Church Arise" v. 1-4 (Getty)*

1. O Church arise and put your armour on;  
hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong,  
in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth,  
we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
an army bold whose battle cry is Love,  
reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
but to rage against the captor;  
and with the sword that makes the wounded whole,  
we will fight with faith and valour.  
When faced with trials on every side,  
we know the outcome is secure.  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,  
an inheritance of nations.

3. Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,  
as the Son of God is stricken;  
then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
for the Conqueror has risen.  
And as the stone is rolled away  
and Christ emerges from the grave,  
this victory march continues till the day  
every eye and heart shall see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride,  
give grace for every hurdle;  
that we may run with faith, to win the prize  
of a servant, good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day  
when, with Christ we stand in glory.

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LUYH #17:1-4 *“Beautiful Savior”*

1. Beautiful Savior! King of creation!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

*(a cappella)*

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

Words: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1873, P.D;  
Music: Schleissche Volkslieder, 1842, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

# "Striving to please Him in all that I do"

Cadet Report – Cadet Counselor

Cadet Sunday Litany: (Based on Various Texts)

**Leader:** Our God is mighty and powerful. We continue to fall short of His expectations for us. It is only through His grace and mercy that we can come to Him in prayer.

**Cadets:** *Lord hear our prayer, listen to our cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to our relief. (Psalm 143:1)*

**Congregation:** **From the ends of the earth we call to you, we call as our hearts grow faint; lead us to the rock that is higher than us. (Psalm 61:2)**

**Leader:** Despite our sinfulness, God chose us to go and bear fruit. He promises that whatever we ask for in His name He will give us. (John 15:16)

**Cadets:** *God promises us in our theme verse, "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:12)*

**Congregation:** **We come to Him in confidence. With the psalmist, we say, "We call on you our God, for you will answer us; turn your ear to us and hear our prayer." (Ps. 17:6)**

**Leader:** We must continually come to God in prayer, rejoicing and giving thanks in all circumstances. We come with the mindset of wanting God's will played out in our lives. (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

**Cadets:** *Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. (Ps. 51:10)*

**Congregation:** **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. (Psalm 67:1)**

**Leader:** The Father loves us and we can be called His children. (1 John 3:1)

**Congregation:** **Jesus defines our relationship with God. He loves us and He calls us His friends. (John 5:15)**

**Cadets:** ***As His children, and His friends, we can come to Him at any time, and any place, saying "Hi God, it's me."***

\* Hymn of Response and Preparation: PH #292: 1-3

*"Living for Jesus"*

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
striving to please Him in all that I do;  
yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,  
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

*Refrain*

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,  
for Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;  
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;  
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

2. Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;  
such love constrains me to answer His call,  
follow His leading and give him my all.

*Refrain*

3. Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
doing each duty in His holy name;  
willing to suffer affliction and loss,  
deeming each trial a part of my cross.

*Refrain*

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*(During the singing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse, children ages 3 years-1st grade  
are dismissed for Children & Worship)*

# *“Yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free”*

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 29:10-14 (pg. 780)

Message: *“Hi God, it’s me”*

Time of Prayer

\* Song of Response: LUYH #897: 1-3

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear—  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness—  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he’ll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

Words: Joseph M. Scriven (1820-1866), P.D.: Music: Charles D. Convers, 1866, P.D.  
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# “This is the pathway of blessing for me”

Offering: General Fund

Closing Prayer

\* God’s Blessing

\* Closing Hymn: LUYH #659: 1-4

## “Nearer Still Nearer”

1. Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart,  
draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art.  
Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast;  
shelter me safe in that haven of rest,  
shelter me safe in that haven of rest.
  2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,  
naught as an offering to Jesus, my King—  
only my sinful, now contrite heart;  
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,  
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.
- (a cappella)
3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine,  
sin with its follies I gladly resign,  
all of its pleasures, pomp and its pride;  
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,  
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.
  4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,  
till safe in glory my anchor is cast;  
through endless ages, ever to be  
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee,  
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

*Words and Music: Lelia N. Morris (1862-1929), P.D.; CCLI# 678905*

\* Postlude

**Welcome!** This is the day that the Lord has made. Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. We come as the children of God, knowing that we are welcomed here where all are meant to be one in the Lord. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the Lord for the Lord is good, the Source of love. 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

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. 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, 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.

### **OUR CHURCH EVENTS**

The ***Elders & Deacons*** will meet Monday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, Feb. 2, ***Pastor Don Recker***, a retired CRC pastor currently living in Ferndale, will be leading us in worship and bringing God's Word to us. Please make sure to give him a warm welcome. Pastor John, Henry Van Zanten, and Marjo Rouw will be in Grand Rapids, MI this week attending the annual Worship Symposium.

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.

There will be ***no evening service*** on Sunday, February 2.

## **ADVANCED NOTICES**

The ***Men's Bible Study*** will meet Wednesday, January 5 at 6:30 a.m. at Shari's Restaurant in Burlington.

A memorial service for ***Duane Van Dyke*** will take place here at church on Wednesday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

The ***GEMS Sleepover*** will be Friday, January 7.

## **ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

***Mount Vernon Christian School*** welcomes parents and students to tour our facilities, meet teachers and students, ask questions and learn more about how we integrate faith and learning as we partner with families to provide a safe learning environment. ***Open house dates are Thursday, February 13 and Tuesday, March 10, 2020.*** The March 10, 6:30 - 8:00pm date will also include Preschool and Kindergarten information. Please visit [www.mountvernonchristian.org](http://www.mountvernonchristian.org) and click on "Contact" or call 360.424.9157 to register.

### Open House Times:

February 13

10:00-11:30 a.m. & 1:00-2:30 p.m.

March 10

10:00-11:30 a.m., 1:00-2:30 p.m., & 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

We are excited to announce that ***Aspire 2020*** will be coming to Bothell in Friday, February 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM (Northlake Christian Church 19029 North Rd. - Bothell, WA 98012). Visit <https://aspirewomensevents.com/> for more information.

***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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**A Few Good Lizards** - In this week's episode, "A Few Good Lizards," Liz and Lucille think they will have no problem finding 50 good people in Terrene, but as they meet with friends and family, they find it is not as easy as they thought. Will Morrie, Grandpa Anole or Granny Anole even make the list? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Valentine Card Collection to share with family and friends. [kidscorner.net/activities](http://kidscorner.net/activities)

**Groundwork:** Courageous Faith in Vulnerable Times - When we feel vulnerable in our culture and communities because of our Christian faith, we can turn to Esther for the wisdom we need to continue living faithfully. Join Groundwork as we study Esther 1-4 to learn how to have courageous faith in vulnerable times. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip** - "Pausing with children to read and to wonder about meanings in words and in illustrations of Bible stories is a spiritual practice," writes Elizabeth Caldwell in *I Wonder: Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible*. For a list of some wonderful Christian picture books the Faith Formation Ministries team loves and recommends, visit [tinyurl.com/FFMpicturebooks](http://tinyurl.com/FFMpicturebooks). (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

SUN	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
	6:30 p.m.	Evening Service
MON	7:00 p.m.	Elders & Deacons Meeting
TUES	7:00 p.m.	Vida Nueva Bible Study

### **NURSERY**

**Today:** Julie Houck, Rayahna Oostra, Justus Visser

**Next Week:** Beth Boon, Kyler Houck, Kayla Van Hofwegen

### **GREETERS**

**Today - Rovers:** Rich & Elly Cuperus

**AM:** Cadets

**Next Week Rovers:** Dennis & Melba De Kok

**AM:** Clarence & Eleanor Klunder, Kevin & Glenda Kok

## **USHERS**

**Today:** Tim Hibma, Tim Van Hofwegen, Larry Greidanus

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

## **SOUND**

**Today:** Henry Hammingh; **Next Week:** Mardick Stevens

## **PROJECTION**

**Today:** Josh Hammingh; **Next Week:** Carson Blom

## **VIDEO TAPING**

**Today:** Brandon Speck; **Next Week:** Nathan Van Beek

## **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

### **Today:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Johnna Van der Hoek, Jordan Feddema

### **Next Week:**

Teacher: Heather Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Julie Speck, Julissa Oostra

## **COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** John & Dena Klunder, Kevin & Glenda Kok, Darin & Michele Kuipers

**Cookies:** Jill Stevens, Sylvia Van Zanten, Shirley Boonstra

**Next Week:** Potluck

## **VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Vida Nueva

**Next Week:** Jayne Hammingh, Josh Hammingh

## **MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Today:** Henry Hammingh; Accompanist: Melba De Kok

**Next Week:** Katie Jungquist; Accompanist: Joann Orange

## **TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM**

February 2: Henry & Jayne Hammingh

February 9: Shirley Boonstra

## **FEBRUARY OFFERINGS:**

**AM:** General Fund; **PM:** Pregnancy Choices

## 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Melba De Kok

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Henry Hamming

#500: 1,3,5 "Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name"

#512: 1,2,4 "Now with Joyful Exultation"

#538: 1,3,4 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Scripture Readings & Confession: Romans 15:14-22, I Timothy 4:1-16

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession Article 29

### *The Marks of the True Church*

We believe that we ought to discern diligently and very carefully, by the Word of God, what is the true church—for all sects in the world today claim for themselves the name of "the church."

We are not speaking here of the company of hypocrites who are mixed among the good in the church and who nonetheless are not part of it, even though they are physically there. But we are speaking of distinguishing the body and fellowship of the true church from all sects that call themselves "the church."

The true church can be recognized if it has the following marks: The church engages in the pure preaching of the gospel; it makes use of the pure administration of the sacraments as Christ instituted them; it practices church discipline for correcting faults. In short, it governs itself according to the pure Word of God, rejecting all things contrary to it and holding Jesus Christ as the only Head. By these marks one can be assured of recognizing the true church—and no one ought to be separated from it.

As for those who can belong to the church, we can recognize them by the distinguishing marks of Christians: namely by faith, and by their fleeing from sin and pursuing righteousness, once they have received the one and only Savior, Jesus Christ. They love the true God and their neighbors, without turning to the right or left, and they crucify the flesh and its works.

Though great weakness remains in them, they fight against it by the Spirit all the days of their lives, appealing constantly to the blood, suffering, death, and obedience of the Lord Jesus, in whom they have forgiveness of their sins, through faith in him.

As for the false church, it assigns more authority to itself and its ordinances than to the Word of God; it does not want to subject itself to the yoke of Christ; it does not administer the sacraments as Christ commanded in his Word; it rather adds to them or subtracts from them as it pleases; it bases itself on men, more than on Jesus Christ; it persecutes those who live holy lives according to the Word of God and who rebuke it for its faults, greed, and idolatry.

These two churches are easy to recognize and thus to distinguish from each other.

Message: ***“The Marks of the True Church”***

Time of Prayer

Song of Application: LUYH #247: 1-3 *“I Love Your Church, O Lord”*

Offering: Partners Relief & Development

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

#### **CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

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

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:**

**Leadership Diversity: (Injustice)** Pray for an awakening to the injustices that occur in everyday life in various communities and in the world. Lord, as servant leaders, help us to humbly stand in your strength and speak your truth in situations where there are systemic injustices against individuals and people groups. May "justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24).

**Resonate Global Mission: (United States)** Pray for a new cohort as it launches in Detroit this month. Ask the Holy Spirit to work in and through the young adults who are serving and learning in Detroit through this cohort. Pray for growth in their relationships with God, community with one another, and understanding of how to join God in mission.

**World Renew: (Bahamas)** Since August, when Hurricane Dorian devastated the Bahamas, World Renew continues to respond to needs through partner organizations there. One way is by funding a mass-producing reverse osmosis system that filters ocean water to produce clean, drinkable water. We praise God for the faithful efforts of our partner organizations, for donations received, and for the generosity needed to continue working there.

**Chaplaincy and Care Ministry: (Grace)** Chaplains minister in psychiatric hospitals and behavioral health units. Special training, skills, love, and perseverance are required while organizations may have limited resources to provide holistic care for their patients. Please pray that our chaplains in these situations may receive overflowing measures of grace for the people entrusted to their care.

**Back to God Ministries International: (India)** Our Hindi ministry team works closely with a local church in northern India that is growing quickly. Pray that this group of 20 families will be able to find a regular place to worship that will accommodate their growing size. Pray also that more listeners may come to the Lord and his church through our radio broadcasts there.

**Raise Up: Coffee Break: (Resources)** Please pray for the ongoing work of writing and translating new and existing Discover Your Bible materials. Having resources in one's native language is so helpful as people seek to discover what the Bible says and means, and to introduce others to Jesus. Pray for our new program manager and content coordinator as they step into these roles.

**EIRC - Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee: (Guidance)** We ask God for guidance in decision making with regard to our work, visas for visiting leaders, and funding needs. Pray for world Christian leaders preparing to meet for various assemblies. As we begin a new year with new members and leadership, we give thanks for continuity and dedication to this ministry.