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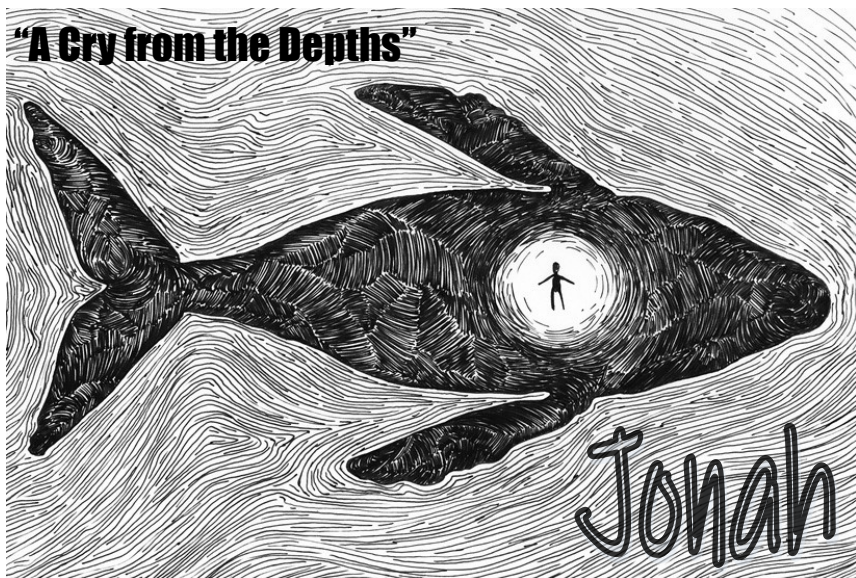
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Pastor John Knoester

Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May

"A Cry from the Depths"



February 9, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor John Knoester

February 9, 2020

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

"Your mercy flows upon us like a river."

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: John 1:1-5

*** Opening Songs of Praise:**

LUYH #775:1-3 *"Across the Lands"*

1. You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice.

Refrain

*You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

2. Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered,
that the guilty may go free.

Refrain

*You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

3. With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

Refrain

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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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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

Psalm 42:1-2a

"As the Deer"

1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you;
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.

Chorus

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship You!*

2. I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

Chorus

3. You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything!

Chorus

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*(Children ages 3 – 1st grade are dismissed for Children & Worship.
They will return to the sanctuary shortly before communion)*

"Your mercy stands unshakeable and true."

Announcements

Offering: General Fund

* We Profess our Faith: Apostles Creed

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 Preparation: LUYH #54:1-3 "*Wisdom Calls*"

1. At the crossroads of decision
Wisdom calls to all and each:
"Come, my children, learn and listen—
heed the ways I seek to teach."
Conscious thoughts or intuition
frame her words of grace and peace:
"Choose the pathway of the Lord."
2. On the ash heap of disaster
"Where is God?" we cry and weep.
Friends are false and faith uncertain;
Wisdom seems beyond our reach.
Still she whispers from the whirlwind
of our pain and of our grief:
"Trust the goodness of the Lord."

3. On a cross and in a manger
God's compassion is made plain.
"Word made flesh" is God among us;
"He is risen" brings hope for pain.
"Come, you weary," pleads the Savior;
Wisdom calls to us again:
"Cast your burdens on the Lord."

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"Most holy God, all good things the giver,"

Scripture Readings: Jonah 1:17-2:10

Message: ***"A Cry from the Depths"***

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #194:1,4,5 *"Refuge and Rock"*

1. Refuge and Rock, Shield and Deliverer!
I love you, LORD, for your unfailing care:
facing the grave, fearing destruction,
I called to you and you answered my prayer:
I was distressed— you heard my voice;
I will rejoice, for you saved me.
4. Wisdom and strength, honor and triumph!
Such are the gifts you are eager to give:
strength for the fight; wisdom to lead me;
triumph and more for as long as I live;
honor indeed to make it known
that you alone are eternal.
5. Worship and thanks, reverence and glory
be to the LORD I am honored to know;
saved from my foes, called to your service,
I will extol you wherever I go.
Your love surrounds me all my days:
therefore I praise you, my Savior.

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(During the singing, our children will return from Children & Worship.
The elders are invited forward as we prepare to celebrate communion)

“We turn and lift our fervent prayer to you.”

We Celebrate Communion Together

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

LEADER: With joy we praise you, gracious God,
for you created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—
even when we fell into sin.
We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who by his life, death, and resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
Therefore we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.

PEOPLE: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Preparing the Bread and Cup:

LEADER: Is not the bread that we break
a sharing in the body of Christ?

PEOPLE: **We who are many are one body,
for we all share the same loaf.**

LEADER: Is not the cup for which we give thanks
a sharing in the blood of Christ?

PEOPLE: **The cup that we drink
is our participation in the blood of Christ.
Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ,
in the joy of his resurrection,
in the hope of his coming again,
we present ourselves a living sacrifice
and come to the table of our Lord.**

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Invitation

Distribution

LUYH #700:1-2 *"Your Mercy Stands"*

1. Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
Your mercy stands unshakable and true.
2. Most holy God, of all good things the giver,
we turn and lift our fervent prayer to you.

Chorus

Hear our cry, (*Hear our cry,*)
O Lord, (*O Lord,*)
be merciful (*be merciful*)
once more. (*once more.*)
Let your love, (*Let your love,*)
your anger stem; (*your anger stem;*)
remember mercy, O Lord, again.

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"Every Promise" (Getty)

1. From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away;
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure:
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word.
2. When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of Your word.
You are faithful to forgive,
that in freedom I might live.
So I stand on every promise of Your word.
Guilt to innocence restored;
You remember sins no more.
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.

3. When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand on every promise of Your word.
Through this dark and troubled land,
You will guide me with Your hand,
as I stand on every promise of Your word.
And You've promised to complete
every work begun in me.
So I'll stand on every promise of Your word.
4. Hope that lifts me from despair;
Love that casts out every fear;
as I stand on every promise of Your word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come;
and I stand on every promise of Your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of Your word.

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LUYH #844:1-5 *"Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord"*

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.
4. Therefore we celebrate the feast,
therefore we celebrate the feast.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
therefore we celebrate the feast.

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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“Take, eat, remember, and believe”

Closing Prayer

* God’s Blessing

* Parting Praise: *“By Faith” v. 1-5*

1. By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.
4. By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

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* Postlude

Welcome! Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." Our Savior invites us to His table, a table of love that has been prepared for us. Jesus, Our Savior, lived, died and lives again for each one of us. *The Lord's Supper is a table of grace. All those who have received the grace of Christ and confess Him as Lord and Savior of their life are warmly invited to participate. Yet, know too that there is also 'grace' from this community of faith for those who do not yet confess Christ as Lord. And if that's the case then we encourage you not to partake until you have the genuine desire to receive God's grace and are ready to proclaim Christ as your Lord.* Let us worship our God today and praise Him for His love. 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.

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, Trudy
Henry H	Mardy S	Visser, Dave & Nancy

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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

The whole Kok family would like to extend our thanks for your love, prayers, and concern during this painful time of Jordan's passing and for all the hard work done for the memorial service. We are truly blessed to be part of such a beautiful community of believers. Kevin, Glenda, and family.

Choir will begin the 2020 season on **February 9!** New members are always welcome! Singing in the choir is rewarding on a personal level, as well as a great blessing for the entire congregation! Join us!

There will be a **piano concert** at Bethany Covenant Church on Feb 23 at 4:00 pm. It will be a concert of classical music and hymn arrangements, assisted by Bonnie Wilkens (violinist) and Becky Dutton (soprano). It is free to attend.

Classis Pacific Northwest is holding a **Safe Church Conference** on March 28 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at New Hope Fellowship in Monroe. All church council members, staff, and volunteers are invited to attend. Registration is requested by March 18. Please contact Jayne Hammingh for more information.

OUR CHURCH EVENTS

The **Council** will meet Monday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Cadets will meet Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Please consider signing up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, February 12. 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 Sylvia Van Zanten a call.

Need a night out? The **Youth Group** will be hosting their annual **babysitting night** on February 14 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

ADVANCED NOTICES

Additional Staff Possibility - The Council would like to invite the congregation to an open 'town hall' meeting shortly following the **Feb. 23 morning service** to further discuss the possibility of being a 'mentor church' to a current seminary student. The purpose of the meeting is to update you on the current discussion in council, answer/clarify any questions that remain, and then hopefully receive congregational support to proceed in the process. If you did not receive the Jan. 3 congregational letter and would like a copy - please contact the church office. If you have any other questions/concerns in advance of the town hall meeting please don't hesitate to contact to a council member.

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 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.

Know someone who should visit?
There are postcards available on the
shelf in the breezeway.
Please take some to share!

Donations for Neighbors in Need - Today, you have the opportunity to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for **“Neighbors in Need”**. Please place your donations in the basket located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

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.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - Rain For Roots is a collective of songwriters that includes Sandra McCracken, Katy Bowser, Ellie Holcomb, and Flo Paris. They came together around a single vision: to make new Scripture songs for children, centered around the poetry of Sally Lloyd-Jones (author of The Jesus Storybook Bible). Inspired by traditional folk melodies, Rain for Roots makes new, timeless songs about the old gospel story. Check them out at RainforRoots.com. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Groundwork: Jesus Taught - The Gospels repeatedly tell us it was his teaching that amazed people. Join Groundwork as we study the content and style of Jesus’ teaching in Mark 1:21-28, Matthew 5, and Matthew 7:24-28 to allow his teaching to deepen our faith and influence how we engage in Bible studies and ministry today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Perseverance - Check out our kid shows at www.kidscorner.net. In this week’s episode, it's story time in Terrene as Grandpa tells tales about the importance of determination. Listen and enjoy Grandpa’s take on some famous stories: “Harry and Tommy”, “The Little Lizard Named Petey” and “Pheidippides” Don’t know those stories? C’mon and check out the episode! Listen now at 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.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
MON	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
WED	4:00 p.m.	Friendship House
	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
FRI	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Babysitting Night

NURSERY

Today: Michele Feddema, Nathan Van Beek, Julissa Oostra

Next Week: Briana Vander Kooy, Carson Blom, Kiera Link

GREETERS

Today- Rovers: Greg & Tish Ackermann

AM: John & Dena Klunder, Henry & Sharon Kuipers

Next Week- Rovers: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

AM: Jeannette Folkertsma, Jill Klunder

USHERS

Today: Larry Greidanus, Henry Hammingh, Tim Van Hofwegen

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

SOUND

Today: Tim Hibma

Next Week: Henry Hammingh

PROJECTION

Today: Hannah Van Hofwegen

Next Week: Devin Van Zanten

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Mike Hibma

Next Week: Brandon Speck

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Briana VanderKooy, Tessa Speck

Next Week:

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Franchesca Bill

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Henry & Sharon Kuipers, Joe LeClair, Keith & Jean Rasmussen

Next Week: Marinus & Jill Rouw, Minne Van der Hoek,
Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Sylvia Van Zanten, Devin Van Zanten

Next Week: Vida Nueva

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: Kevin Kok

accompanist: Shirley Boonstra

Next Week: Melba De Kok

accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

February 16: Les & Joy Faber

February 23: Larry & Maxine Greidanus

FEBRUARY OFFERINGS:

AM: General Fund

PM: Pregnancy Choices

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

Pianist: Shirley Boonstra

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Kevin Kok

#43:1-3 – *"Guide Me O My Great Redeemer"*

#755:1,3 – *"Speak O Lord"*

#262:1-3 – *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

Scripture Readings and Confession: I Timothy 3, I Corinthians 14:40

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession Article 30

The Government of the Church

We believe that this true church ought to be governed according to the spiritual order that our Lord has taught us in his Word. There should be ministers or pastors to preach the Word of God and administer the sacraments. There should also be elders and deacons, along with the pastors, to make up the council of the church.

By this means true religion is preserved; true doctrine is able to take its course; and evil people are corrected spiritually and held in check, so that also the poor and all the afflicted may be helped and comforted according to their need.

By this means everything will be done well and in good order in the church, when such persons are elected who are faithful and are chosen according to the rule that Paul gave to Timothy.⁷⁶

⁷⁶ 1 Tim. 3

Message: ***"Church Order – The Government of the Church"***

Time of Prayer

Song of Application: LUYH #271:1,2,5,6 *"Earth and All Stars"*

Offering: Pregnancy Choices

* God's Blessing

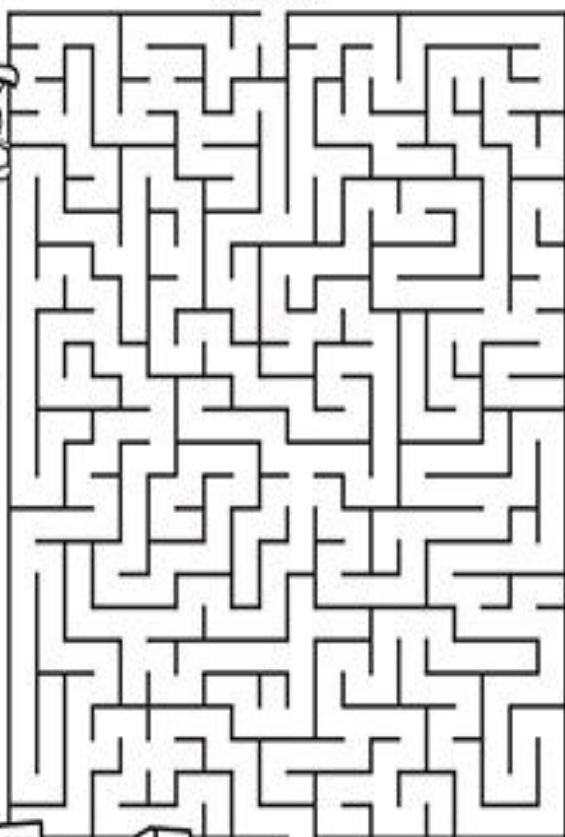
* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

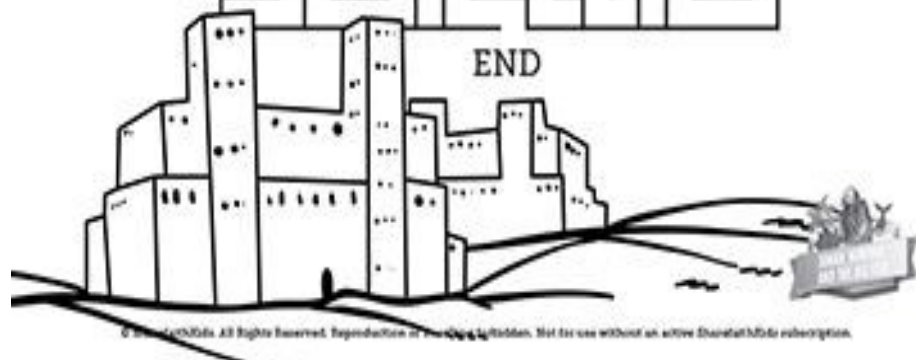
JONAH, NINEVEH AND THE BIG FISH

Help Jonah on his way to Ninevah.

START



END





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@firstcrmv.com by Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

NEW REQUESTS:

Don Lagerwey had a set back and was reintubated this week. He had some bronchial spasms and went into flash pulmonary edema, which means his lungs filled with fluid again. He is sedated and his vitals are stable. He is back on the ventilator. He is going to be going to cath lab to have an emergent angiogram to see if there are any blockages in his heart.

Please pray for **Hans and Aileen Meischke**, as well as Aileen's brother, **Ide Hamming**. He has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer in the gall bladder and colon. The doctors are saying that Ide likely has less than two months to live. Please pray for Hans, Aileen, and the entire family in the days and weeks ahead.

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:

Resonate Global Mission: (Nicaragua) Give thanks that pastors and other ministry leaders are finding healing in Christ through trauma-healing workshops led by the Nehemiah Center, a Resonate partner in Nicaragua. “God is the one who transforms hearts,” said Jenifer, a worship leader and workshop participant. Please pray for Jenifer and other ministry leaders as they now help others to heal.

World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS) On Dec. 28, an earthquake hit Puerto Rico’s southern coast. A second, stronger one (6.4) hit on Jan. 7. The island is experiencing several aftershocks and complete power outages. World Renew DRS will continue to monitor the situation and resume work there when all is stable. Pray for the families in Puerto Rico recovering from the effects of these quakes.

Back to God Ministries International: (Prayer ministry) As the prayer team coordinator for ReFrame Media, Emily Vanden Heuvel encourages people to approach prayer as a relationship rather than as a “sales pitch.” Pray that this will help to build stronger relationships with Christ through relationship-based prayers.

Resonate Global Mission: (West Africa) Please continue to pray for peace in West Africa. “The conflict and violence have affected many people,” said a Resonate missionary. Pray for God’s peace and protection. Ask the Holy Spirit to heal the hearts of all who have experienced trauma from the ongoing conflict there.

Raise Up: TLTI: (New manual) Timothy Leadership Training is developing a new training manual on spiritual powers—demons, spirits, witchcraft, and so on. Pray for wisdom and protection for the seven-person team from five continents that is developing the manual. Pray that this manual will help Christian leaders around the world address these issues with confidence in Jesus.

World Renew: (Mali) It can be amazing sometimes how hard it is to find the truth. And in a war and conflict situation, where each side is trying to hide their actions and tactics from their enemies, the truth is even more hidden. Please pray for efforts to expose the truth of ethnic conflict in Mali with the affected communities. Also continue to pray for peace and reconciliation between Malian ethnic groups.