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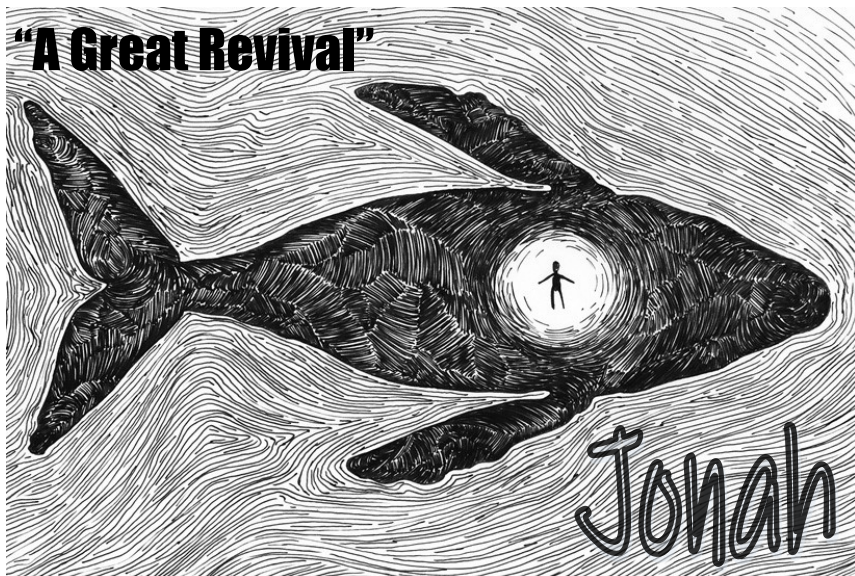
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Pastor John Knoester

Worship Services  
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM  
September—May



**February 16, 2020**

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

***Pastor John Knoester***

***February 16, 2020***

## **10:30 A.M. Worship Service**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*“Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
precious Redeemer and Friend.”*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

### \* Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.”

-Psalm 148:1-6, NRSV

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### \* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #492:1,3,4

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

1. Come, thou almighty King,

help us thy name to sing;

help us to praise.

Father all glorious,

o’er all victorious,

come and reign over us,

Ancient of Days.

3. Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
rule now in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.
  
4. To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be  
hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

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\* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

\* Song of Praise: LUYH#598 "You are Holy"

<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
You are holy,	(You are holy,)
You are mighty.	(You are mighty.)
You are worthy,	(You are worthy,)
worthy of praise.	(worthy of praise.)
I will follow.	(I will follow.)
I will listen.	(I will listen.)
I will love you	(I will love you)
all of my days.	(all of my days.)

<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>
I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy.	You are Lord of lords, you are King of kings, you are mighty God, Lord of everything.
I will love and adore him; I will bow down before him.	You're Emmanuel You're the great I AM You're the Prince of Peace Who is the Lamb

I will sing to  
and worship  
the King who  
is worthy.

You're the living God  
You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever  
You are Ancient of Day

I will love  
and adore him;  
I will bow down  
before him.

You are Alpha, Omega  
Beginning and End  
You're my Savior, Messiah  
Redeemer and Friend

*All together*

You're my Prince of Peace,  
and I will live my life for you.

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*"Who would have thought that a lamb could  
rescue the souls of men?"*

Call to Confession:

\* Sung Prayer of Confession: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

1. Wonderful merciful, Savior,  
precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Chorus*

*You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace  
our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts  
have hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*Chorus*

3. Almighty, infinite Father,  
faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us  
falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

*Chorus*

*You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace  
our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

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\* The Assurance of God's Pardon

Special Music: *"My Soul Find Rest"* (by Sandra McCracken)

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

Offering: General Fund

Worship Symposium Report: Marjo Rouw

\* We Profess our Faith: Apostle's 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

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #762:1-2 "Ancient Words"

1. Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope,  
give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where'er we roam  
ancient words will guide us home.

*Refrain*

Ancient words, ever true,  
changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

2. Holy words of our faith  
handed down to this age  
came to us through sacrifice.  
O heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart.  
O let the ancient words impart.

*Refrain*

Ancient words, ever true,  
changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

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*"You are the One that we praise.  
You are the One we adore."*

Scripture Readings: Jonah 3:1-10

Message: **"A Great Revival"**

Time of Prayer

*“You bring the healing and grace  
our hearts always hunger for.”*

\* Song of Application: LUYH #568:1-4

*“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”*

*All Sing*

1. I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross he suffered,  
from the curse to set me free.

*Refrain*

*Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,  
with his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon,  
paid the debt, and made me free.*

*Women*

2. I will tell the wondrous story,  
how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy  
he the ransom freely gave.

*Refrain (All)*

*Men*

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer,  
his triumphant power I'll tell,  
how the victory he giveth  
over sin and death and hell.

*Refrain (All)*

*All Sing*

4. I will sing of my Redeemer  
and his heavenly love to me;  
He from death to life has brought me,  
Son of God, with him to be.

*Refrain*

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\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH#489:3 “By the Sea of Crystal”

3. “Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,  
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone.”  
God has wrought salvation; he did wondrous things.  
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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Postlude

**Welcome** to worship! Here let us seek to see God more clearly, love God more completely, and serve God more certainly. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! 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 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.

**FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020 FAMILY VISITS**

<b>Elder</b>	<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Family</b>
Dave V	Jack VK	Rouw, Marjo
Dave V	Jack VK	Stevens, Mardy & Kristine
Kevin K	Mardy S	Van Klaveren, Jack & Trudy
Kevin K	Mardy S	Ackermann, Greg & Tish
Henry VZ	Randy B	Ackermann, Alyssa
Henry VZ	Randy B	Beezhold, Terry & Joni
Tim VH	Mardick S	Blom, Eliot & Sue
Tim VH	Mardick S	Burr, Randy & Peggy
Darrel L	Dan VK	Cuperus, Rich & Elly
Darrel L	Dan VK	De Kok, Michelle
Pastor John	Brad DK	Feddema, Jim & Michelle
Pastor John	Brad DK	Vander Wekken, Chris
Henry H	Rich C	Klunder, Todd
Henry H	Rich C	Paul, Wilma

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On behalf of the Van Dyke family, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for your prayers and support during the time of Duane's homegoing. --Trudy Van Dyke & family

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

TODAY	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
	6:30 p.m.	Evening Service
WED	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study @ Shari's
	1:30 p.m.	Golden Hour
	6:30 p.m.	GEMS
SUN	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
	11:45 a.m.	'Town Hall' Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Evening Service & Youth Group

## CHURCH EVENTS

**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.

## ADVANCED NOTICES

The **Elders & Deacons** will meet on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Cadets** will meet Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a **piano concert** at Bethany Covenant Church on Feb 23 at 4:00 p.m. 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.

**Blood Drive** - A blood drive will be held on Monday, March 9, from 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. (closed from 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.) at First Christian Reformed Church. For information and to sign up contact the Blood Center at 1-800-398-7888 or at [DonoSched@bloodworksnw.org](mailto:DonoSched@bloodworksnw.org).

**Save the Date!** Our annual "**Taste of ????**" dinner this year is set to take place on **Friday, March 20 at 6:15 p.m.** This year we will be journeying to Mexico and our friends from Vida Nueva will be joining us! Each family is encouraged to prepare and bring their favorite Mexican dish, but it's not a requirement. There is generally more than enough food to go around. Instead of our usual 'best dish' competition we will have some other activities/entertainment instead. In the meantime, please save the date and be looking for the opportunity to sign up accordingly in the weeks to come!

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 Hamming for more information.

### **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. **The next open house will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020.** The 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. time 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:

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!

**Groundwork:** Jesus Preached - When Jesus preached, crowds gathered. Study Matthew 4:12, 17 and Luke 4:16-30 with Groundwork to help us better understand what preaching is and what preaching isn't and to hear for ourselves Jesus Christ's imperative and compelling message about the kingdom of God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Junk Food Junkies** - Check out our children's programs at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In this week's episode, Liz and his friends are preparing for a race. When it's Liz's turn to provide the snacks, his choices don't help the others and actually make them feel sick after the training. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Lent 2020 devotionals to lead your family's Bible study as you prepare for Easter. [kidscorner.net/activities](http://kidscorner.net/activities).

***At-home Faith Formation Tip*** - Faith5 is a simple five-step faith formation practice that your family or household can do together. First, share your highs and lows of the day. Then read a Bible verse or story together. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows, pray for one another's highs and lows, and bless one another. Faith5 is great for people of all ages! Check out Faith5.org for more. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

### **NURSERY**

***Today:*** Briana Vander Kooy, Carson Blom, Kiera Link

***Next Week:*** Shanna Visser, Emma Droog, Joel Link

### **GREETERS**

***Today- Rovers:*** Keith & Jean Rasmussen

***AM:*** Jeannette Folkertsma, Jill Klunder

***Next Week- Rovers:*** Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

***AM:*** Darin & Michelle Kuipers, Joe LeClair

### **USHERS**

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

***Next Week:*** Larry Greidanus, Henry Hammingh, Tim Van Hofwegen

### **SOUND**

***Today:*** Henry Hammingh

***Next Week:*** Mardy Stevens

### **PROJECTION**

***Today:*** Devin Van Zanten

***Next Week:*** Josh Hammingh

### **VIDEO TAPING**

***Today:*** Brandon Speck

***Next Week:*** Tim Hibma

### **CHILDREN & WORSHIP**

***Today:***

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Brooke Knoester, Franchesca Bill

***Next Week:***

Teacher: Marjo Rouw

Assistants: Beth Boon, Caleb Link

### **COFFEE HOSTS**

**Today:** Marinus & Jill Rouw, Minne Van der Hoek,  
Larry & Margaret Vander Pol

**Next Week:** Bryan & Deanna Van Beek, Mardick & Jill Stevens,  
Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren

### **VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE**

**Today:** Vida Nueva

**Next Week:** Vida Nueva

### **MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

**Today:** Melba De Kok

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

**Next Week:** Henry Kuipers

Accompanist: Melba De Kok

### **TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM**

**February 23:** Larry & Maxine Greidanus

**March 1:** Henry & Jayne Hammingh

### **FEBRUARY OFFERINGS:**

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** Pregnancy Choices

### **MARCH OFFERINGS:**

**AM:** General Fund

**PM:** Mount Vernon Christian School (General Fund)

## 6:30 P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Sylvia Van Zanten

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Melba De Kok

*Maranatha! Music: Praise Chorus Book*

#6 - "*Behold, What Manner of Love*"

#51 - "*Beloved*"

#84 - "*I Love You, Lord*"

#7 - "*Lamb of God*" - verse 1

#255 - "*O How He Loves You and Me*"

Scripture Readings and Confession: I Timothy 3:1-13,

II Timothy 4:1-8, Acts 1:12-26

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession Article 31

*The Officers of the Church*

We believe that

ministers of the Word of God, elders, and deacons  
ought to be chosen to their offices  
by a legitimate election of the church,  
with prayer in the name of the Lord,  
and in good order,  
as the Word of God teaches.

So everyone must be careful  
not to push one's self forward improperly,  
but all must wait until called by God,  
so that they may be assured of their calling  
and be certain and sure that it is  
from the Lord.

As for the ministers of the Word,  
they all have the same power and authority,  
no matter where they may be,  
since they are all servants of Jesus Christ,  
the only universal bishop,  
and the only head of the church.

Moreover,  
to keep God's holy order  
from being violated or despised,  
we say that everyone ought,  
as much as possible,  
to hold the ministers of the Word and elders of the church  
in special esteem,  
because of the work they do,  
and be at peace with them,  
without grumbling, quarreling, or fighting.

Message: ***"The Officers of the Church"***

Time of Prayer

Song of Application: LUYH #309:1-5 *"The Servant Song"*

Offering: Pregnancy Choices

\* 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.

## **NEW REQUESTS:**

**Don Lagerwey** was transported to Everett Friday and was taken to a rehab center in Anacortes. Praise God for the answers to prayer on Don's behalf. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

## **CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

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.

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:**

**World Renew: (Mozambique)** In Mozambique, 43 percent of children under age 5 suffer from chronic malnutrition. During the first 1,000 days of a child's life, their bones, muscles, and brain are taking shape in ways that will define their abilities even into adulthood. As World Renew works with church partners to change the story of hunger, pray for the resources needed to address the physical and spiritual health needs of these children and their families.



**Chaplaincy and Care: (Military chaplains)** Twenty-six CRC chaplains serve as military chaplains. Pray for their ministry, their family, and the service members they work with in this time of uncertainty, tension, and violence in our world. Our military chaplains are often on the front lines, providing pastoral care through counseling and prayer, and embodying the gospel message on military bases throughout the United States, Canada, Italy, Germany, Belgium, and South Korea.

**Safe Church Ministry: (Teens)** February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. The number of teens who experience sexual or physical abuse in dating relationships is staggering, more common than most people know. Teens struggle to navigate expectations and their own needs and vulnerabilities. Pray that churches can teach and model respectful, open, and healthy relationships and that youth will find the help they need.

**World Renew: (Zambia)** We continue to respond to severe drought in Zambia. Four thousand households are receiving in-kind food assistance across sixteen centers in Mwanzi District. This critical and life-saving work is also being supported by the United Church of Canada, through our shared membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Praise God for the work of these partners and for the generosity of World Renew donors who help to make these efforts possible.

**Resonate Global Mission: (Michigan)** “We are hoping and praying for people we have been sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with to take the step of baptism this year,” said a Resonate partner ministry leader in Michigan. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead these new believers into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

**Back to God Ministries International: (India)** Praise God for working in the life of Pawan, who came to faith in Christ after experiencing amazing physical healing. Pray that Pawan will continue to share his faith and testimony with the people in his village.