

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

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“Growing with Peter – The Story Begins”

March 1, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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"God Himself Is with Us"

AM Worship Service

* Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

* Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

LEADER: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

PEOPLE: **We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

LEADER: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

PEOPLE: **Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

LEADER: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

PEOPLE: **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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* Opening Hymn: LUYH #565:1-3 *"God Himself is With Us"*

1. God himself is with us; let us now adore him,
and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple; all within keep silence,
prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone do we own as our God and Savior;
praise his name forever.

2. God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding!
See the crowds the throne surrounding!
“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises
that your church now raises.
3. Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit,
trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels who behold your glory,
may I ceaselessly adore you,
and in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly
what you love so dearly.

Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1729); tr. composite, P.D.;

Music: Joachim Neander, 1680, P.D.; CCLI #678905

* God’s Greeting/ We Greet Each Other

* Opening Songs of Praise:

Psalm 145:1-2

LUYH #562:1,3,4 *“We Will Extol You, God and King”*

1. We will extol you, God and King,
and bless your holy name.
Day after day we’ll sing your praise,
forever and forever.

Refrain

*One generation will call to the next:
“Our God is good, and his hand is strong!”
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
and our voice will join with theirs in the song.*

3. We contemplate the splendor of
the world your hand has made.
Far greater still the majesty
we see in the Creator!

Refrain

4. Now may your name be sung in every
tongue, in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love
in every generation.

Refrain

One generation will call to the next:

“Our God is good, and his hand is strong!”

All of the world sings his marvelous acts,

and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

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LUYH #121:1-3,5 “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

1. Jesus calls us, o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild, restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, “Christian, follow me.”
2. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, “Christian, love me more.”
3. Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and work and family,
leaving all for his dear sake.
5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

Words: Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander, 1852, P.D.; Music: William H. Jude, 1887, P.D.;
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“Let Us Now Adore Him”

Prayer of Confession

Sung Prayer: *“My Worth is Not In What I Own” v. 1-4*

1. My worth is not in what I own;
not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.
2. My worth is not in skill or name;
in win or lose in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

Chorus

*I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

3. As summer flowers we fade and die;
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by.
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.
4. I will not boast in wealth or might,
or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Chorus

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Assurance of Pardon:

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

—based on 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, NRSV

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Song of Assurance: “My Worth is Not In What I Own” v. 5

5. Two wonders here that I confess:
my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

Chorus (x2)

*I rejoice in my Redeemer.
Greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other;
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

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Offering

(All children are invited forward for a Children’s Message)

Children's Message

* Song of Preparation: *"I Will Make You Fishers of Men"* v. 1-2

1. I will make you fishers of men
Fishers of men fishers of men
I will make you fishers of men
If you follow Me
If you follow Me if you follow Me
I will make you fishers of men
If you follow Me
2. Hear Christ calling come unto Me
Come unto Me come unto Me
Hear Christ calling come unto Me
I will give you rest
I will give you rest I will give you rest
Hear Christ calling come unto Me
I will give you rest

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

"And With Awe Appear Before Him"

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Introduction to our Lent Sermon Series

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Growing with Peter – The Story Begins"***

Time of Prayer

"Praise His Name Forever"

* Song of Application: *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* v. 1-3

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

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* Benediction

* Doxology: *“Will You Come and Follow Me” v. 4-5*

4. Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and
sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Postlude

A sincere **welcome** to all who have come to worship the Lord! May each of us have our faith increased, our love enhanced, and our courage strengthened. May God’s presence be very real as we approach the throne of grace. 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,

One of the more famous and outspoken disciples of Jesus is that of Simon Peter. Jesus first words to him were, *“Come, follow me”* (Mark 1:17). His last words to him were, *“You must follow me”* (John 21:22). Peter certainly had many stumbles along the way. Yet, throughout his life, he strived to be obedient to Christ’s command in spite of his many shortcomings. Can the same be said of us? ... May God bless us as we travel with the disciple Peter under the ministry of Jesus throughout this Lenten season.

In His Grace,
Pastor John Knoester

- 3/1 – *“Growing with Peter – The Story Begins”*
Matt. 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11, John 1:35-42
- 3/8 – *“Growing with Peter – When Faith Takes Risks”*
Matt. 14:22-36, Mark 6:45-56, John 6:16-24
- 3/15 – *“Growing with Peter – On the Mountain with Jesus”*
Matt. 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13
- 3/22 – *“Growing with Peter – No Longer on the Mountain”*
Matt. 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46
- 3/29 – *“Growing with Peter – Bold Confession”*
Matt. 16:13-23, Mark 8:27-30, Luke 9:18-27
- 4/5 (Palm Sunday) – *“Growing with Peter – Fearful Silence”* Matthew
26:69-75, Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:54-62, John 18:15-18, 25-27
- 4/12 (Easter) – *“Growing with Peter - Confusion at the Tomb”*
Luke 24:12, John 20:1-9, Mark 16:7
- 4/19 - *“Growing with Peter - Back in Grace”*
John 21:1-25

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

Elder	Deacon	Family
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

Mentor Church Update - The council would like to thank all those who participated in our town hall meeting. The final vote tally was that of overwhelming support to proceed in the process of creating a residency position for a current seminary student. While grateful for the affirmation, the council would still like to hear the concerns of those who have misgivings about the position and encourage you to privately contact a council member accordingly.

The next steps in the process involve identifying potential candidates, interviewing them, and then hopefully presenting an applicant for approval no later than our May 18 congregational meeting. The residency itself would likely begin on August 1, 2020. If you have any questions about the process please feel free to contact a council member at any time.

Request from our Missionaries - Jon & Trista Vander Wal are planning to travel from Papua New Guinea to Seattle in June to begin a year-long furlough. They are in need of a couple thing while stateside: a vehicle, preferably a minivan, that someone would like to gift or sell for a reasonable price, and an affordable, furnished place to stay in the Olympia area for one month from late June to late July. Please contact the church office if you are able to help in any way.

Empire Speech and Debate, a club that serves local Christian home-schooled students, is having a tournament at our church on March 27 & 28. They are looking for community members to serve as judges. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to help.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 1

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
6:15 p.m.	Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	Evening Service

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Shari's Restaurant
1:30 p.m.	Golden Hour
6:30 p.m.	GEMS

Thursday, March 5

Classis Pacific Northwest Meetings

Friday, March 6

Classis Pacific Northwest Meetings

Sunday, March 8

	Neighbors in Need donations
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Morning Service
6:15 p.m.	Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	Evening Service

ADVANCED NOTICES

Next week, March 8, you will have opportunity again to bring your donations of canned and non-perishable items for the food drive for **"Neighbors in Need"**. Please bring your donations in the morning or evening to the church and place them in the basket located in the foyer and the Fellowship Hall.

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 Donor-Sched@bloodworksnw.org.

The **Executive Committee** will meet Monday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up to bring a casserole or dessert for the **Friendship House** on Wednesday, March 11. 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 Glenda Kok a call.

The **Dunamis Project** is happening in Bellingham from March 11-14. Registration is now open! The first part of the Dunamis Project focuses on worldview, spiritual reality, and the nature and work of the Holy Spirit. For more information, pick up a flyer from the shelf in the breezeway or go to <https://www.prmi.org/dppacnorwest>.

The **Finance Committee** will meet Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Save the Date! Our annual **"Taste of Mexico"** 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!

The **Cadet Pinewood Derby** will take place on Saturday, March 21 in the elementary gym at Mount Vernon Christian School. Get your derby cars ready and join the "open class" race!

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.

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 and click on "Contact" or call 360.424.9157 to register.

Open House Times:

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 Healed - Each of the four Gospels contains stories of people Jesus healed. Join Groundwork as we examine Jesus' acts of healing ministry in Matthew 8:1-3, Isaiah 35, and John 9 to help us better understand this aspect of his earthly ministry and how even his acts of healing point us to the Kingdom of God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Rough Weather - Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode, "Rough Weather," Morrie's mom in the hospital. Things go from bad to worse, and then Morrie goes missing. Liz has to trust God in order to save Morrie. With God's help, can Liz save the day? Listen now at 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

Words From The Cross - Words From The Cross is a seven-part Bible study podcast from Groundwork. In the season of Lent, dig deep into the significance and resonance of Christ's words from the Cross and let them focus your heart on our salvation through his death and resurrection. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/words.

Lent At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Engage in Lent with a Lenten journey calendar similar to an Advent calendar. On a large piece of paper, draw a path with 40 stepping stones on it, and an empty tomb at the end of the path. Since Lent started on Feb. 26, color in all the stepping stones from then until today. Each day, color in another stone and pray together. For help with explaining what Lent means to young children, check out tinyurl.com/LentQuestions and tinyurl.com/LentKids. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

NURSERY

Today: Julie Houck, Kennedy Donaldson, Franchesca Bill

Next Week: Elly Cuperus, Josie Droog, Trevor Blom

GREETERS

Today- Rovers: Rich & Elly Cuperus

AM: Randy & Juli Oostra

Next Week- Rovers: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

AM: Mardick & Jill Stevens, Daniel & Briana Vander Kooy

USHERS

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

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

SOUND

Today: Mardick Stevens;

Next Week: Tim Hibma

PROJECTION

Today: Devin Van Zanten

Next Week: Nathan Van Beek

VIDEO TAPING

Today: Brandon Speck

Next Week: Carson Blom

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Today:

Teacher: Tim Van Hofwegen

Assistants: Monica Droog, Joel Link

Next Week:

Teacher: Darrel & Sunee Lagerwey

Assistants: Shana Visser, Hannah Van Hofwegen

COFFEE HOSTS

Today: Greg & Tish Ackermann, Agnes Bollema, Randy & Peggy Burr

Next Week: Rich & Elly Cuperus, Dennis & Melba De Kok, Jeannette Folkertsma

VIDA NUEVA CHILDCARE

Today: Jayne Hammingh, Josh Hammingh

Next Week: Sylvia Van Zanten, Devin Van Zanten

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Today: Jayne Hammingh

Accompanist: Marjo Rouw

Next Week: Tim Van Hofwegen

Accompanist: Sylvia Van Zanten

TRANSPORTATION CARE TEAM

March 8: Shirley Boonstra

March 15: Les & Joy Faber

MARCH OFFERINGS:

AM: General Fund

PM: Mount Vernon Christian School (General Fund)

P.M. Worship Service

Pianist: Marjo Rouw

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer for Worship

Opening Songs of Praise: Led by Jayne Hammingh

LUYH #292:2-3 *"Living for Jesus"*

LUYH #479:1,3 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*

LUYH #480:1-3 *"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"*

Scripture Readings and Confession: Psalm 34:8-10, Romans 6:3-10,
I Cor. 11:23-26

Confessional Reading: Belgic Confession Article 33

The Sacraments

We believe that our good God, mindful of our crudeness and weakness, has ordained sacraments for us to seal his promises in us, to pledge good will and grace toward us, and also to nourish and sustain our faith.

God has added these to the Word of the gospel to represent better to our external senses both what God enables us to understand by the Word and what he does inwardly in our hearts, confirming in us the salvation he imparts to us.

For they are visible signs and seals of something internal and invisible, by means of which God works in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. So they are not empty and hollow signs to fool and deceive us, for their truth is Jesus Christ, without whom they would be nothing.

Moreover, we are satisfied with the number of sacraments that Christ our Master has ordained for us. There are only two: the sacrament of baptism and the Holy Supper of Jesus Christ.

Message: ***“Strength for the Journey”***

Time of Prayer

Song of Application: LUYH #840:1-4 *“Behold the Lamb”*

Offering: Mount Vernon Christian School (General Fund)

* God’s Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

sermon notes:

Who is speaking?

Where in the Bible?

Book: _____
Chapter: _____
Verse: _____

Who is the passage talking about?

What happened?

My favorite song was:

here you draw something:

I learned:

I didn't understand:

Words I don't know

Date: _____





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:

Please pray for our **missionaries** this week. They are Brett & Angela Nicholson (Seattle), Joe Strong (Mount Vernon), Jon & Trista Vander Wal (Papua New Guinea), Geoff & Ashley Van Dragt (Seattle), and Naji Umran & Anne Zaki (Egypt).

Pray for the church leaders that will be attending the **Classis Pacific Northwest** meetings this week.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Don Lagerwey is at a rehab center in Anacortes. Praise God for the answers to prayer on Don's behalf. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

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.

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:

Safe Church Ministry: (Training) Safe Church training events will happen this month in Ontario and in Washington State. Pray for wisdom in planning, good participation, and safe travels. Pray that in all our church communities each person is respected and protected, and that our response to abuse is compassion and justice, which foster healing.

Disability Concerns: (Devotions) For Lent this year, CRC and Reformed Church in America (RCA) disability advocates have written a series of devotions available on the RCA website (rca.org). Pray that these devotions will help readers grasp the utter sacrifice of our Lord and the magnificent hope we have in him.

Resonate Global Mission: (Central Asia) A Resonate missionary in Central Asia asks you to pray for resilience for believers as they face increased persecution where they live. Ask God to strengthen their faith, to give them boldness for speaking the truth, and to cover them with grace.

World Renew: (International Disaster Response (IDR)) Life in a Syrian refugee camp is a daily struggle—an environment rife with conflict, poverty, and hunger. That’s where World Renew seeks to make a difference, meeting the needs of refugee families with food, milk, and other basic necessities. Pray that God continues to bless these efforts and to provide hope for refugee families.

Worship Ministries: (Ash Wednesday) As the church enters the season of Lent, pray for meaningful worship and prayer as we contemplate the steps of Jesus in turning his face toward the cross. “Let us . . . lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1-2, NRSV). With our eyes fixed on Jesus, may our worship inspire us to reach out to a hurting world with his amazing love.

Resonate Global Mission: (Dominican Republic) When Massiel was struck by a motorcycle, she thought her life was over. But, thanks to leadership training made possible through Resonate, she knows that God isn’t finished with her story. She’s helping to lead youth at a Resonate partner IMPACT club. Please pray for her as she works with young people to shine Christ’s light in their communities in the Dominican Republic.

Indigenous Family Centre: (Lunches) Please pray for the work of the Indigenous Family Centre in Winnipeg, Man., asking that the people connecting through regular lunches and family circles will be blessed and encouraged. Pray also for ministry staff as they work to further reconciliation.