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Pastor John Knoester

Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May

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“Growing with Peter—On the Mountain with Jesus”

March 15, 2020

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

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10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

*"My Jesus, I love thee,
I know thou art mine."*

Prelude

Welcome

*** Call to Worship: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"***

ALL SING:

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Women:

2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Men:

3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in his great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Sing:

4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

"For thee all the follies of sin I resign:"

* Opening Songs of Praise:

LUYH# 607 "Beautiful One"

1. Wonderful, so wonderful is your unfailing love;
your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no heart could fully know
how glorious, how beautiful you are.

Refrain

*Beautiful One, I love;
Beautiful One, I adore.
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.*

2. Powerful, so powerful, your glory fills the skies,
your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of your majesty
awakes my heart to sing.
How marvelous, how wonderful you are.

Refrain (2x)

Bridge (2x)

*You opened my eyes to your wonders anew.
You captured my heart with this love,
'cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as you.*

Refrain

Beautiful One, I love;

Beautiful One, I adore.

Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

My soul, my soul must sing.

My soul, my soul must sing.

My soul, my soul must sing, Beautiful One.

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“Reckless Love”

1. Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus

O, the overwhelming, neverending

Reckless love of God

O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found

Leaves the ninety nine

I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it

Still You give Yourself away

O, the overwhelming, neverending

Reckless love of God

2. When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Bridge 1

There's no shadow You won't light up

Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down

Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Bridge 2

There's no shadow You won't light up

Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down

Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Bridge 3

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Chorus

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(All children are invited forward for the Children's Message)

Children's Message

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

- * Song of preparation & Special Music: *"He Will Hold Me Fast"*
Teri & Joni Beezhold, Sheri Link

"My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;"

Scripture Readings: Matthew 17:1-9, Luke 9:28-36

Message: **"Growing with Peter--On the Mountain with Jesus"**

Time of Prayer

"if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

- * Song of Application: LUYH #366:1-3 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*
 1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #366:4 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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Postlude (An offering for the General Fund will be taken as you exit.)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"—
Psalm 118:1. We **welcome** everyone to this hour of worship! Let us
offer our gratitude and praise to our Creator. May this be a time of
inspiration and joy for us all. 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

February & March Family Visiting - Please expect a call from the listed Elder to arrange the day and time for a visit. If you have questions, please call the listed Elder or call Henry Hammingh at 360-424-3019.

FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020		
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

Would you like to purchase an **Easter lily or Gideon Bible** in memory of a loved one? These items will be placed at the front of the church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order, please call or leave a message for Angela at the church office (336-2405) by Monday, April 6. The cost of the Bibles is \$5.00. The cost of the lilies will be available soon. Make checks payable to the First Christian Reformed Church and turn the money into the church office. Lilies may be taken home after the Easter services.

Thank you to all who donated at the **Blood Drive!** There were 32 registered whole blood donors, 2 first time donors, and 28 units of whole blood collected! Your whole blood donations from this blood drive will save up to 84 lives!

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 in need of a couple things for an upcoming furlough: 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 homeschooled students, is having a tournament at our church on March 27 & 28. They need community members to serve as judges. Please sign-up for a time that works for you at <https://shamrock2020.homeschooldebate.net/community-judges>.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
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Wednesday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 21

8:30 a.m.	Pinewood Derby @ MVC
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Sunday, March 22

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

OTHER CHURCH EVENTS

Skagit County Public Health is recommending that non-essential events or gatherings of ten or more people be postponed or cancelled and that people who are at higher risk* of severe illness from COVID-19 should stay home and away from large groups of people as much as possible.

For these reasons, it has been decided that it would be best to cancel the ***Family Skating Party*** and postpone the ***"Taste of Mexico"*** dinner.

****People at higher risk include people:***

- *Over 60 years of age*
- *With underlying health conditions including include heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes*
- *With weakened immune systems*
- *Who are pregnant*

The ***Cadet Pinewood Derby*** will be Saturday, March 21 in the elementary gym at Mount Vernon Christian School. Check in for derby cars begins at 8:30 a.m. Racing will start by 9, and has started a bit earlier in the past. Get your derby cars ready and join them in the “open class” race!

ADVANCED NOTICES

Cadets will be meeting Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Young at Heart will meet at IHOP on Thursday, March 26 at 12:30 p.m.

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.

GEMS Schedule Change - The original GEMS schedule listed no meeting on April 1 because of spring break. Spring break is the following week, April 6-10, so GEMS will be meeting after all.

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

New Earth Recovery has launched an exciting campaign to begin an expansion of their ministry. Their most recent newsletter is available on the breezeway shelf.

Groundwork: I Believe in God, the Father Almighty - What does it mean for us to believe in God? Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 1:18-21 and Romans 8:15-17, the scriptures that inform what we believe about God’s nature and identity as we profess it in the opening statement of the Apostles’ Creed. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Route 32 - Check out our children’s programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week’s episode, “Route 32,” Liz faces all kinds of disappointment, but in the end has some awesome experiences. Liz learns from his dad that, “With each problem you face, God gives you an opportunity.” 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.

Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip - During Lent, many Christians try to become more aware of the suffering of others as we remember Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. How might you do this? Consider volunteering as a family, with friends, or on your own at a ministry of mercy, or visiting members of your congregation who can't physically join you in worship on Sundays. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Short-Term Volunteer - Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Nursery:	Brooke Knoester Rayahna Oostra Tessa Speck	Pam Van Zanten Hannah Van Hofwegen Jordan Feddema
Greeters:	Greg & Tish Ackermann Minne Van der Hoek Bryan & Deanna Van Beek	Dennis & Melba De Kok Henry & Anjean Vander Veen Jack & Trudy Van Klaveren
Ushers:	Tim Hibma Wiebe Van der Hoek Henry Van Zanten	Larry Greidanus Henry Hammingh Tim Van Hofwegen
Sound:	Henry Hammingh	Henry Van Zanten
Video:	Mike Hibma	Tim Hibma
Projection:	Hannah Van Hofwegen	Josh Hammingh
Children & Worship:	Heather Van Hofwegen Johnna Van der Hoek Emma Droog	Juli Oostra Julie Speck Carson Blom
Coffee Hosts:	Michelle De Kok Wayne & Rhea Doss Jill Klunder	Clarence & Eleanor Klunder Kevin & Glenda Kok Katie Jungquist
Vida Nueva Childcare:	Vida Nueva	Vida Nueva
Ministry of Praise:	Tim Van Hofwegen Piano: Joann Orange	Greg Boon Piano: Shirley Boonstra
Transportation:	Les & Joy Faber	Larry & Maxine Greidanus
Offering:	AM: General Fund PM: MVC (General Fund)	AM: General Fund PM: MVC (General Fund)



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.

PRAISES:

Keith & Jean Rasmussen will celebrate 52 years of marriage on Monday, March 16.

NEW REQUESTS:

Please pray for all those affected by COVID-19. Pray for health and protection for all, especially for those who are high-risk and for medical personnel. Pray too that fear is minimal, and faith is abundant. *"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."* – Isaiah 12:2

Don Lagerwey went home this week. Please continue to pray for a full recovery as there is still a lot of healing left to do.

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.

Continue to pray for healing for **Adelaida Vega** 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:

Pastor Church Resources: (Pastors) Pastors have received a wonderful calling from God, and as a result they experience many blessings. But their job isn't always easy. Please pray for your pastor(s) on a regular basis. Pray for strength, wisdom, patience, health, good relationships, refreshment, and God's continuous leading in their life.

Back to God Ministries International: (Spanish ministry) Pastor Edgar recently contacted our Spanish ministry team, saying, "I am very grateful your programs are available on the internet. In my congregation we are using Life in the Family as a source of encouragement and teaching for our members." Pray that Edgar's church will see God's work in their family lives as they view and discuss this video series.

Resonate Global Mission: (Ontario) Campus ministers at Geneva House, a Resonate partner in Ontario, ask you to pray for students struggling with emotional and mental health challenges. Pray for their comfort, encouragement, and healing in the hands of the loving God.

Calvin University: (Stewardship) Calvin University rejoices in the generosity of donors who are investing in future Christian leaders through their gifts. Pray that we may be good stewards of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure entrusted to us. Pray for continued generosity in this season of visionary change.

Youth Unlimited: (SERVE 2020) Please pray for students and their youth group leaders as they make decisions about participating in and fundraising for SERVE ministries this summer. Our theme is "Forever One," and we look forward to sharing the unifying story of Scripture with students as they spend a week on mission.

Resonate Global Mission: (Lithuania) Praise God! When a student at LCC International University, a Resonate partner, hurt his hand, a professor asked if the student would like to pray with him. The student is not a Christian but said yes. By the next day, the swelling and pain in his hand had disappeared! The student asked to learn more about God and is now studying the Bible.

Back to God Ministries International: (ReFrame Media prayer ministry) Please pray for a woman who shared this request with us: "I have been praying God will restore my marriage and help my husband to receive salvation. We have been married for 25 years and have always been best friends. He needs Jesus, and I need Jesus to intervene."