

# *Next Week is Communion Sunday!*



*God meets us in the sacraments,  
holy acts that call for our response...*

*In the supper our Lord offers  
the bread and cup to believers to  
guarantee our share in his  
death and resurrection,  
and unite us to him and to each other.*

*We take this food gladly,  
announcing as we eat  
that Jesus is our life  
and that He shall come again  
to call us to the Supper of the Lamb.*

From: *Our World Belongs to God* (PH – pg. 1031)

*Come share the fellowship  
of the forgiven!*

**Welcome to**  
**First Christian Reformed Church!**  
**Pastor John Knoester**  
**January 3, 2021**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

*"Lord, let your love, love with no end"*

Prelude

Sung Call to Worship: *"Shine on Us"* - Phillips, Craig and Dean

Welcome/Announcements

\* Call to Worship

\* Opening Responses and Blessing

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Pastor: Let us praise the Lord together.

**People: The sun shall no longer be our light by day,  
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

Pastor: For the Lord will be our light,  
and our God will be our glory.

**People: The Lord will be our everlasting light,  
and our days of sorrow will end.**

Pastor: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!  
May the love of God the Father, and grace of Jesus  
the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be  
and abide with us all.

**People: Amen!**

Song of Response: *"Shine Jesus Shine"* - Hillsong

*"Come over us"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Words of Assurance: (Based on I John 1:5-7)

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him  
and proclaim to you,

**People: that God is light and in him there is no darkness  
at all.**

Leader: If we say that we have fellowship with him while  
we are walking in darkness,

**People: we lie and do not do what is true;**

Leader: but if we walk in the light as he himself  
is in the light,

**People: we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from  
all sin.**

—1 John 1:5-7, NRSV

Song of Preparation: *"Amazing Grace"* - Celtic Woman

*"That we may be saved,"*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD  
glory and strength. <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his  
name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory  
thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is  
majestic. <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD  
breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon  
skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup>The voice of the  
LORD strikes with flashes of lightning. <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD

shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.  
9The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" 10The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. 11The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace."

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *"The Voice of the Lord"*

Time of Prayer

*"That we may have life."*

Song of Reflection/Application: *"All is Well"* - Michael W. Smith

\* We Profess our Faith: Our Hope in the Age to Come

Leader: God saves the world through Jesus.

**People: Those who call on that name will have life.**

Leader: Christ's hand reaches out beyond those who say "Lord" to the infants who live in the atmosphere of faith, even to the farthest stars and planets of all creation.

**People: The boundaries of God's love are not known; the Spirit works at the ends of the world before the church has there spoken a word.**

Leader: God will renew the world through Jesus, who will put all unrighteousness out, purify the works of human hands,

**People: and perfect their fellowship in divine love.**

Leader: Christ will wipe away every tear;

**People: death shall be no more.**

Leader: There will be a new heaven and a new earth,

**People: and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

\* Call to Service

Leader: Christ is the light of our souls:

**People: We rejoice in this light, great source of truth.**

Leader: Christ is the light of our homes:

**People: We rejoice in this light, great source of peace.**

Leader: Christ is the light of the world:

**People: We rejoice in this light, great source of hope.**

Leader: Go out as Christ’s true lights, dispersing the darkness of evil, for his grace, his power, his peace go with you.

**People: Amen.**

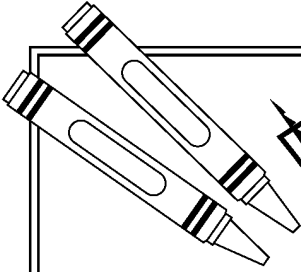
\* God’s Blessing

\* Doxology: *“It Is Well With My Soul”* – Sovereign Grace

Postlude

On this first Sunday of the ***New Year, welcome*** to worship! We have come to honor and praise the living God who makes all things new. Paul reminds us that it is God who enables us to “walk in newness of life’ (Romans 6:4). Let us glorify God with that reality in mind. Blessings on one and all.

	<i>Today 1/3</i>	<i>Next Week 1/10</i>
Sound:	Tim Hibma	Henry H.
Video:	Hannah Van Hofwegen	Josh H.
Projection:	Brandon Speck	Carson B.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund



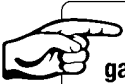
# PUZZLE

## FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



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COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV



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 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

#### **NEW REQUESTS:**

**Congratulations** to Greg and Beth Boon upon the birth of a healthy granddaughter to daughter Kylie and fiancé Tim. Please keep little Olivia Nicole and Kylie and Tim in your prayers as they begin the journey of becoming a family unit.

#### **CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

**Adelaida Vega's** cancer has become active again and unfortunately the new treatment is not as effective as was hoped for. A DNA blood test seems to indicate that this cancer may have also been with her since she was born. Adelaida is currently taking some new medication pills with hope that they can control the cancer in the weeks and months to come. Please continue to pray for her and her family.

**Rinie Rouw:** Rinie is in "monitoring mode" and exploring different answers through doctors appointments and medications. Rinie and Jill are so thankful for all of your prayers and words of good wishes, and they continue to covet them while they look forward to more answers and opportunities for better health in the future.

**Chris Vander Wekken** continue his rehab at The Bridge. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and peace on his end as he makes those decisions. Thank you in advance for your continuous commitment to pray for Chris.

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; **Jerry & Marion Ekkelkamp** and **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; **Andy Pippel, Adrianna Swanson,** and **Lona Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA.

## **OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)**

**January 3, 2021 - (World Renew: World hunger)** We praise God for the generous contributions received this season in support of world hunger, enough to equip more than 150 farmers to grow crops and feed their families for a year. In addition, hundreds of churches collected gifts to help bring food to people's tables. What an amazing response! In a year of hungering for renewed hope and the peace of God's presence, may we all continue to share our blessings.

**January 2, 2021 - (Resonate Global Mission: Worldwide)** Give thanks for people stepping up as leaders in churches throughout the world. Resonate missionaries Stan and Bessie Kruis in the Philippines recently trained men and women to lead small-group Bible studies. Ask God to work through these new leaders to encourage and equip believers.

**January 1, 2021 - (CRC Communications: Hope)** Many people are glad to say goodbye to 2020 and to hope for a better year in 2021. Pray that people around the globe will ultimately find their hope not in calendar dates or human achievements but in Jesus, the hope of the world.

**December 31, 2020 - (CRCNA Leadership: Hope)** 2020 has been a dark and difficult year. As we look forward to the new year, pray that the light and hope of God's love will shine to us, in us, and through us throughout 2021.

**December 30, 2020 - (Resonate Global Mission: Ontario)** Give thanks for a student at Brock University who came to Zack DeBruyne, a Resonate campus minister, with a number of questions and doubts about faith. Zack started meeting with him regularly to read Scripture. Soon afterward, the student connected with a local church and committed his life to Christ! Please pray for this student as he grows in his faith in Christ.

**December 29, 2020 - (World Renew: Food security)** Nearly 1 billion people worldwide face food insecurity due to conflicts, climate change, and economic downturns. But in Christ there is hope! With training, people in poverty can increase food production and their incomes, giving them enough to eat and to provide for others. Please pray for local solutions that help villages break out of poverty and become more resilient.



# First CRC Announcements

## Sunday, January 3, 2021

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*The elders met briefly by Zoom* recently and with the spike of cases and the recent announcement of more restrictions we will be adding the link to the past week's service to the bulletin announcements and as well to the announcements sent by email each week. **Last week's Sunday service link:** The link to watch last week's Sunday service online is as follows: Christmas Day Service: <https://youtu.be/IRTNDYlrtsA>  
December 27 Service: <https://youtu.be/5Hs6cBfRw9s>

*To further aid simplifying giving when we can't all be at church, First CRC now provides options to give your tithes and offerings electronically. This means you are now able to donate using a credit or debit card, as well as give directly from a bank account. Check the church's website <http://www.firstcrcmv.org> for more information on these and other giving options.*

### ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

**MISSIONARIES** – Check the hallway bulletin board for Christmas letters and updates from the missionaries we support all over the world!

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BEING GOD'S COPYCAT** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In Colossians 3:12, God shows us how we can do what he does by acting with "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

**GROUNDWORK: COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP** - Following Jesus is not always easy. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 13:3-23, Luke 14:25-33, and Hebrews 12:1-3 to better understand the spiritual discipline of commitment and learn how we can cultivate the lifelong discipline of following Jesus Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Calvin University January Series** - Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip** - The Practice of Engaging Scripture: Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

