

***Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!***  
***Guest Speaker: Tim Vande Griend***  
***November 14, 2021***

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: LUYH #551 v. 1-4**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

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!
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!
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!

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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*Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our God, our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand, just the sheep of his hand.  
Dave Doherty, 1980, Maranatha! Praise, Inc.

**GOD'S GREETING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: May the love of God the Father,  
and the grace of Jesus the Son,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be and abide with us all.

**People: Amen!**

**GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**SONGS OF PRAISE:**

***How Great Thou Art: LUYH #553 v. 1, 3, 4***

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

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***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!: LUYH #538, v. 1, 3, 4***

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,  
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,  
in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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## **CONFESSING**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Following the prayer of confession:*

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**People: For he has rescued us from the dominion  
of darkness in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins.**

**Therefore, since we have been justified  
through faith, we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

—Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1, NIV

Leader: People of God, know that you are forgiven,  
and be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **SONG OF RESPONSE: *In Christ Alone: LUYH #770 v. 1-4***

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found;  
He is my light my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
My Comforter, my All in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him as laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.
  
3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of Hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

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## **PROCLAIMING**

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 29:1-2

**Message:** *"Created to Worship and Glorify"*

## **RESPONDING**

**PROFESSING OUR FAITH:** *Our World Belongs to God* – Art. 35, 36, 39

Leader: 35. The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.  
She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him:  
delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer—  
silent before the mystery of his love.

People: **36. Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished in the fellowship of congregations, where we praise God's name, hear the Word proclaimed, learn God's ways, confess our sins, offer our prayers and gifts, and celebrate the sacraments.**

Leader: 39. The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy.  
Saved by the patient grace of God,  
we deal patiently with others  
and together confess our need  
for grace and forgiveness.  
Restored in Christ's presence,  
shaped by his life, this new community lives out  
the ongoing story of God's reconciling love,  
announces the new creation,  
and works for a world of justice and peace.

### **SONG OF RESPONSE:**

#### ***O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer***

1. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

2. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

3. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*At the conclusion of each prayer time:*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Gathering our prayers into one,*

*we pray together as you taught us, saying:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

Forever, Amen.

## SENDING

### CALL TO SERVICE

### GOD'S BLESSING

### CLOSING SONG: *Hear Our Praises*: LUYH #302

May our homes be filled with dancing,  
may our streets be filled with joy.

May injustice bow to Jesus  
as the people turn and pray.

#### *Refrain*

*From the mountain to the valley,  
hear our praises rise to you.*

*From the heavens to the nations,  
hear our singing fill the air.*

May your light shine in the darkness  
as we walk before the cross.

May your glory fill the whole earth  
as the water over the seas.

#### *Refrain x2*

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### POSTLUDE

**Welcome!** This is the day that the Lord has made. Worship is our opportunity to be glad and rejoice in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day. We come as the children of God, knowing that we are welcomed here where all are meant to be one in the Lord. Let us lay down our burdens and rejoice in the Lord for the Lord is good, the Source of love. 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.

	<i>Today 11/14</i>	<i>Next week 11/21</i>
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# First CRC

## Bulletin Announcements

**November 14, 2021**

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Guest Pastor: This morning we welcome **Tim Vande Griend** to proclaim God's Word to us. Tim is the Director of Worship Arts at Crosspoint CRC in Chino, CA. Please take the time to welcome him!

**New Attendees** – Church Information Sunday! If you are a frequent visitor on Sunday mornings or have recently have started attending on a regular basis – you are invited to attend a brief 'informational gathering' on Sunday, December 5 immediately following the Sunday morning service. During this time a couple members of the church leadership team will take the time to share a little bit more about the church and also be available to answer any questions you might have. Essentially we want to do hospitality well and would love to get to know you more! This gathering will take place at the front of the church shortly after the service and shouldn't last long. We look forward to having a great conversation!

**Sunday School Service Opportunity (and Adults!):** Between now and Sunday, Nov. 14 we are focusing on making 21(ish) Thanksgiving care packages for our college age young adults and older. Some ideas might be baked goodies, homemade gifts, letters/cards of encouragement, Starbucks gift cards, etc. You may place your items in the labeled basket, or on the table, marked accordingly in the Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, October 31.

**Christmas Blessing:** The Evangelism Committee would like to do a small church project for the purpose of blessing our neighbors. Thus, this year we will be making "Christmas Cookie Jars." Essentially these are decorative mason jars filled with the ingredients for making holiday cookies. A Christmas greeting, recipe, and a brief invitation to our Christmas services will be attached to the jar. The goal is 300 'gifts' and the first thing we need to do is collect the jars. We have collected 128 jars and are in need of 172 more to complete the project. Please leave your ingredients and jars on the marked table in the fellowship hall. Thank you! Ingredients are still needed. Check the sign up list on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

*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. 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.com> for more information on these and other giving options.*

**Let Beth know if you would like an updated picture for the upcoming church directory, or send her one at [secretary@firstcrcmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrcmv.com).**

**Link for November 7's Service:**

<https://youtu.be/Zli6KteQvvY>

**ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT** - There are new copies of Today Christian Living on the shelf in the hallway.

We received a very nice Thank You note this past week from **Jen at Friendship House**. It is on the bulletin board across from Beth's office.

**Save the Date!** Celebrate a medieval Christmas with the acclaimed NOËL Celtic and classical harp ensemble and benefit **New Earth Recovery**, a faith-based nonprofit operating recovery homes in Skagit County. **Tuesday Dec 7 @ 7:00 pm**, here at First Christian Reformed Church. Harps, flute, strings, poetry, and treats following. Free event with a freewill offering.

**Heather Village**, a Christian retirement community in Mount Vernon, is seeking a property manager. Candidates must be a Christian with excellent communication and organizational skills. Previous experience in real estate or property management is preferred. This is a part-time position of up to 10 hours a week with potential for growth. Please submit a resume or list of qualifications by November 30, 2021, to Heather Village, 925 Heather Circle, Mount Vernon WA 98273 or via email to [HVoffice2021@gmail.com](mailto:HVoffice2021@gmail.com).

Dear Friends,

I suspect when most of us think about the book of Daniel we immediately recall the stories of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace and Daniel in the lion's den. Such stories are often taught in a way to provide us a model for how to live for Christ in a hostile world. Certainly that is an important part of their purpose.

Yet, the reality is, very few of us can really claim to come close to such a standard. As sinners, we often fall miserably short. Which is precisely why the book of Daniel points us to someone even greater who also lived a life of exile and separation. His name, of course, is Jesus.

In the weeks to come we're going to study the first half of the book of Daniel and observe how it points us to Jesus Himself. Listed below is our study plan and as always I encourage you to read the text ahead of time before each Sunday. May God bless us as we engage in this study together!

In His Grace, - Pastor John

1. Oct. 17 – Daniel 1 – “Exiled in Babylon”
2. Oct. 24 – Daniel 2:1-23 – “Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream”
3. Oct. 31 – Daniel 2:24-49 – “The Interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream”
4. Nov. 7 – Guest Pastor Aaron Oosterwyk
5. Nov. 14 – Guest Tim Vande Griend – “Worship Convictions Conversation”
6. Nov. 21 - Daniel 3 – “The Fiery Furnace”

**Birthdays for November: Trudy Van Dyk (Nov. 2); David Schmidt (Nov. 3); Terry Beezhold (Nov. 5); Clarence Vander Griend (Nov. 6 – 93 years!); Cody See (Nov. 6); Alyssa Ackermann (Nov. 7); Jeff Droog (Nov. 19); Jennaya Knoester (Nov. 28); Pam Van Zanten (Nov. 29).** Happy Birthday and prayers for continued health!

**November Anniversaries: Bob & Marty Hitchcock (Nov. 28)**

### **CALENDAR:**

**Greeters:** November 14 Dick & Linda Gudmundson; November 21 – Katie Junquist & John & Judy Velasquez

**Coffee Hosts:** November 14 – Keith & Jean Rasmussen; November 21 – Mardick & Jill Stevens

### **NEXT WEEK:**

**Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7:00AM:** Morning Men’s Bible Study at Shari’s in Burlington

**Wednesday, Nov. 17, 6:30PM:** GEMS Regular Meeting

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be **November 24 at 7:00 pm**. Our Candlelight Service is set for **December 19 at 6:30 pm**.



**Last chance to get your pictures to me for the Thanksgiving Service is this week! I know we have some budding photographers out there who would love to see their pictures on the big screen! Send them to me at [secretary@firstcrmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrmv.com) this week!**

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thanksgiving Prayers** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Have you ever wondered if it's okay to thank God for really little things? 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 encourages us to thank God no matter what is happening. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

**Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

**Groundwork: Jonah: Doing God's Work** - It doesn't matter who we are, what we've done, or how inadequate we feel, God has work for us to do. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Jonah 3 to better understand how much God cares and to discover the courage to never give up on someone or let our bias hinder our message as we continue to do God's work and follow God's call in the world today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)) Think back over the past year. Where have you “sown sparingly”? Where have you “sown generously”? How do you “decide in your heart” what and when to give? How intentional are those decisions? How might you find more joy in giving generously?

**Your Gift to End Hunger Has Made a Difference!** - God has filled the hungry with good things! Thank you to everyone who brought in a Peter Fish or made a donation to last week's World Hunger Sunday collection. Our church alone raised [put in your \$ amount] for World Renew's sustainable approach to tackling the problem of world hunger. Together, we are coming alongside families so they can put food on their tables.

**Encourage Hope this Thanksgiving** - On Thanksgiving Day, November 25, we will join World Renew in spreading God's hope to the world's families struggling with food insecurity. Through our gifts and offerings to World Renew, parents will be able to provide for their families through learning sustainable farming methods to bring food to the table. To donate and for more information, go to [worldrenew.net/free-a-family](http://worldrenew.net/free-a-family)

**Free Advent Devotion: You Shall Call His Name Jesus** - Is your soul weary? Take heart in the names of Jesus that remind us of God's character, presence, and work in the world. Sign up for this free Advent devotion from World Renew, Resonate, and the CRC Office of Social Justice at [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent).

**Chaplaincy Sunday - November 21** - Join with churches throughout the CRCNA next week in celebrating Chaplaincy Sunday on November 21. Search the website: [crcna.org/Chaplaincy](http://crcna.org/Chaplaincy) for great resources on how you can support and provide for these courageous front line workers as they serve in specialized ministries beyond the walls of the church.



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:**

Please keep **Marilyn Cooke** in your prayers as she is having eye surgery Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> in Bellingham.

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

**Jill Haagsma** is home and doing well. We thank God for his healing mercies

Pray continued healing for those affected by COVID.

Pray for continued healing for **Wilma Paul** and **Corky Vander Griend**.

Please continue to pray for **Les Faber** and for **Joy** and the entire Faber family in the days and weeks to come.

Please continue to keep **Adelaida Vega** in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for members who have lost loved ones.

**SHUT INS:**

**Nell Annema** and **Marion Ekkelkamp** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; 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; **Adrianna Swanson**, and **Clarence 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)**

Monday November 8 - *Raise Up: TLT: Changes*

Pray for the revision process of Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) manuals. We pray that interactive and accessible content may continue to aid facilitators and deepen participants' appreciation of God's grace. Pray for wisdom in introducing changes, and for increased opportunities in developing partnerships and new resources.

Tuesday November 9 - *ReFrame: Japan*

Reiko is undergoing treatment for breast cancer, and some days she has very little energy. "On those days I am truly grateful for the encouragement from your program," she shared with our Japanese ministry team. Pray for continued healing for Reiko, and praise God that she has found a source of strength in him.

Wednesday November 10 - *Resonate: Communities*

Pray for our church plant partners as they share the love of Christ in their communities. Ask the Holy Spirit for opportunities to connect with neighbors and share the gospel, both through actions and conversations.

Thursday November 11 - *Communications: Remembrance Day/*

*Veterans Day*—Today we remember military service personnel who have served their countries, recognizing that many gave their lives or returned forever changed. Together may we ask God to bring peace and healing for veterans and for all whose lives have been disrupted by war.

Friday November 12 - *Cadets: New theme*

This year's theme, "God's In Control," based on Joshua 1:9, continues to remind cadets and counselors that God is always with them, including during times of stress and anxiety. We pray that this reassurance will help our boys and men to be strong and courageous in living for Jesus.

Saturday November 13 - *World Renew: India*

This summer, as the pandemic claimed many lives in India, gifts of over \$1 million helped our international disaster response team to provide families with life-saving resources (such as food, medicines, and hygiene kits) and to supply rural medical facilities with urgently needed oxygen and other resources. We praise God for this overwhelming response!

Sunday November 14 - *ReFrame: Prayer for the persecuted church*

In this week of prayer for the persecuted church, remember all who are imprisoned and suffering for their faith in Christ. May the grace and love of Christ be our ongoing witness everywhere. May the Spirit of God break down strongholds and hardened hearts, that the good news of Jesus may spread to the ends of the earth.