

*Next Week is Communion Sunday!*



**TAKE AND EAT  
DRINK**

***Creation groans***

*waiting for the children of God to be revealed*

***Creation groans***

*waiting to be born again;  
waiting to be released from the bondage  
of sin and decay.*

***Creation groans***

*in wars and rumors of war, in signs and wonders.  
These are the birth pangs that  
come before all things are made new.*

***Creation groans***

*in expectation of being fully restored,  
renewed, and reborn.*

***We groan too***

*for the Spirit of God is in us  
And moving toward all that is yet to be.*

***Come Celebrate!***

***Christ has died, Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again!***

***Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!***  
***January 2, 2022***  
***10:30 A.M. Worship Service***

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,"*

Prelude

Opening Song Video: What is Epiphany?

Welcome/Announcements

\* Call to Worship:

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things God has done.

**People: The Magi who study the heavens follow  
a guiding star!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things God has done.

**People: The peoples who live in the shadows see  
a glorious light!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things God has done.

**People: The Christ who embodies the Word  
unveils the hidden plan,**

Leader: making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation  
through the gospel!

**All: O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things  
God has done!**

\* Opening Hymn of Praise: CH #288 v. 1-5

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

1. We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar-  
field and fountain moor and mountain-  
following yonder star.

*Chorus:*

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain;  
gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never  
over us all to reign.

*Chorus*

3. Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh.  
prayer and praising, all men raising,  
worship Him, God on high.

*Chorus*

4. Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom-  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone cold tomb.

*Chorus*

5. Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Earth to heav'n replies.

*Chorus*

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\* 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!**

\* We Greet One Another

\* Song of Praise: LUYH #105 v. 1-3 *“As With Gladness Men of Old”*

1. As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore your splendor see.
2. As with joyful steps they sped  
to that lowly manger bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
Christ, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek your mercy seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger plain and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.

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*(Following the singing of this song the children are invited forward  
for the Children’s Message)*

*“My grace all sufficient shall be your supply;”*

Children’s Message: Marjo Rouw

*(Following the conclusion of the children’s message children  
ages 3- 3rd grade are dismissed for Children’s Worship)*

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #78 v. 1,3,4,5 “  
*Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

1. Of the Father’s love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega—  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see  
evermore and evermore.

3. This is he whom seers in old time chanted  
of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore.
  
4. Let the heights of heaven adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing:  
powers, dominions, bow before him  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore.
  
5. Christ, to you, with God the Father  
and the Spirit, there shall be  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and the shout of jubilee: honor, glory,  
and dominion and eternal victory  
evermore and evermore. Amen.

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*"The flame shall not hurt you; I only design"*

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:39-52

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Life and Ministry of Jesus – Childhood Years"***

Time of Prayer

*"Your dross to consume and your gold to refine."*

\* Song of Application: LUYH #157 v. 1-3 *"Meekness and Majesty"*

1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity  
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*Refrain*

*Oh, what a mystery-meekness and majesty;  
bow down and worship, for this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience to death on a cross,  
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,  
and, as they crucify, prays, "Father, forgive."

*Refrain*

3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

*Refrain*

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Offering

Offertory: Thomas LeClair and Nellie Van Der Hoek

\* We Profess our Faith: The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.**

**He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.**

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.**

**He ascended to heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

\* God's Blessing:

\* Parting Praise: *"Joy Has Dawned Upon the World" v. 1-4*

1. Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation;  
God's salvation now unfurled-hope for ev'ry nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,  
but a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary.
2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,  
as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place shaped the earth  
in darkness,  
cling now to a mother's breast-vulnerable and helpless.
3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb gazing at the glory.  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story-  
gold a King is born today; incense, God is with us;  
myrrh, His death will make a way,  
by His blood He'll win us.
4. Son of Adam, Son of Man, given as a ransom.  
Reconciling God and man-Christ our mighty Champion!  
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious mystery!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem-now the Lord of history.

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Postlude

***New Year Greetings*** on this first Sunday of the New Year! Please extend your hand of friendship to people around you, for "We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord!" 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.

Tech Team	Today 1/2	Next Week 1/9
Sound:	Mardick S.	Henry VZ
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# First CRC Bulletin Announcements January 2, 2022

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Worship Service YouTube Link:** Christmas, Dec. 25 AM Service: [https://youtu.be/-nWylaXau\\_w](https://youtu.be/-nWylaXau_w)

**Les Faber's Funeral Service:** <https://youtu.be/MWG3f6AHzsY>

**Beth will be out of the office** from Dec. 30-Jan. 6. Please get all announcements to me by Wednesday morning the 29<sup>th</sup> for this coming week. After the 30<sup>th</sup>, DO NOT call church with bulletin announcements or question, as she will not be here. You can still email her at her usual email address: [secretary@firstcrcmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrcmv.com) or call 360-661-6891 to leave a message on her cell phone. 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.*

**Sometimes when our loved ones are struggling through a difficult time we ask ourselves, "What can I do to help?"** Prayer is our first and utmost thought, but what other things can we do? We are in that position now with one of our own. As you know, **Dennis DeKok** has been hospitalized and is fighting cancerous lesions and is in excruciating pain. In order to alleviate the pressure on **Melba** and other family members during this time we are setting up a meal train for 2 meals a week. The link is: <https://mealtrain.com/407w17>. If you are having difficulty using the link once it's sent out, or you are not tech savvy, please email me at church or call Heather Van Hofwegen at **(425)923-6446**.



Dear Friends,

In the church calendar, the season between Advent and Lent is often referred to as “Epiphany season.” During this Therefore, in the coming weeks, we’re going to take a closer look at some of the more familiar stories in Jesus’ earthly life and their applications for our lives today. May God bless us in this study together.

In Christ, - Pastor John

The Life and Ministry of Jesus

1. Jan. 2 – Luke 2:39-52 *“Childhood Years”*
2. 2. Jan. 9 – Luke 3:21-23 *“The Baptism of Jesus”*
3. 3. Jan. 16 – Sanctity of Life Sunday
4. 4. Jan. 23 – Luke 4:1-13 *“The Temptation of Jesus”*
5. 5. Jan. 30 – Luke 5:1-11 *“Calling of the Disciples”*
6. 6. Feb. 6 – John 2:1-11 *“The First Miracle”*
7. 7. Feb. 13 – Luke 6:1-11 *“Sabbath Controversies”*
8. 8. Feb. 20 – Luke 7:36-50 *“Growing Fame”*
9. 9. Feb. 27 – Luke 8:5-18 *“The Parable of the Soils”*

**CALENDAR:**

**Greeters:** This morning – Hank & Sylvia Van Zanten; Jan. 9 – Henry & Pam Van Zanten

**Coffee Hosts:** This morning – Henry & Sharon Kuipers; Jan. 9 – Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**Jan. 4, Men’s Bible Study Breakfast at Shari’s at 7:00am**

**Jan. 5, 6:30 pm: GEMS**

**Next week:**

**Worship Team: Greg & Beth Boon, Kayla VH, Elly VB**

**ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:**

**Coming this August: Inspire 2022 in Chicago, Ill.!** Get reenergized for ministry at this North America-wide event at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Who is it for? Deacons, elders, Sunday School teachers, adult Bible study leaders, youth directors and MORE. Come be inspired by: Meaningful Worship, Energizing Plenary of Speakers, and a Whole host of innovative workshops. See the poster across from Beth’s office for more information and a QR code you can scan as well. <https://www.crcna.org/inspire>

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**One Day at a Time** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). A new year has begun. We should begin this year grateful to God for his blessings and look ahead trusting in God's faithfulness. But some days, it's hard not to worry or be afraid of what comes next. In this next year, how do we stop being anxious and put God first like he wants us to? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: God's Plan and Spiritual Blessings** - The Apostle Paul reassures the early Christians in Ephesus, and us, that God most definitely has a salvation plan, and he put his in place before creation. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 1 and find assurance that we can confidently trust God is in control. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Faith Practices Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Psalm 1:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. The new year is an excellent time to form new habits of Scripture engagement. How might you organize your day to make room for spending more time with God's Word? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**January Series 2022** - Coming this January for the 35th year, Calvin University presents the January Series 2022 – the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 10 and continues weekdays through January 28 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Viewing options include attending the live presentations on Calvin's campus, attending simulcast presentations at over 50 remote sites across the continent, or watching digitally on demand each day until midnight on your own device. For all the details visit [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)

**Calvin Symposium on Worship** - (January 31 – February 4, 2022) Join this livestream conference, with several in-person sessions, sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and the Center for Excellence in Preaching, located at Calvin University and Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Learn more at [worship.calvin.edu/symposium/](http://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/)



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.

### **CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

Please continue to pray for **Dennis DeKok** and the **DeKok family** as Dennis prepares for procedures for his cancer.

Please keep **Joy Faber** and the entire Faber family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of **Les**.

Pray continued healing for those affected by COVID.

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

### **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 December 27 - *World Renew: Refugees*

Pray for millions of refugees around the world who have fled their countries this past year, seeking safety and freedom. May they find strong advocates for their most basic human rights. Pray also for people displaced because of natural disasters. May they find hospitality in welcoming communities.

Tuesday December 28 - *ReFrame: Cuba*

Alcira receives ReFrame's Spanish devotions and shares them with her friends. However, the post office where she lives is often unreliable. Pray that she will continue to be able to receive devotional guides and minister to her friends who need to know Christ.

Wednesday December 29 - *Resonate: Lithuania*

Many students who attend LCC International University, a Resonate partner in Lithuania, come from Muslim families. Some of these students have become Christians through LCC, and while they are home for Christmas, please pray for them, asking the Holy Spirit for healthy, inspiring conversations with family members about faith.

Thursday December 30 - *Candidacy Committee: Preparations*

Please pray for grace and strength for all who are in the final preparation stage to become candidates in 2022. Ask the Lord to guide them in his wisdom and to clarify their vision for ministry in the CRCNA.

Friday December 31 - *CRCNA Leadership: Reflections*

As we close out another year of challenges and blessings, uncertainty and learning, adjustment and growth, we praise God that he has guided us through it all. Pray that as we move into a new year, God will continue to give us grace to follow him, love to serve each other, and courage to share the good news of Jesus with the world.

Saturday January 1 - *Communications: New Year's Day*

For many of us, a new year provides a new opportunity to strive toward a goal in some part of our lives. As we make plans and resolutions, may we remember that God is the author of new beginnings, the giver of grace when we fail, and our strength and hope each day.

Sunday January 2 - *Resonate Global Mission: Central Asia*

Pray for a woman with whom a Resonate missionary is working in a clinic in Central Asia. They met for a Bible study during lunch, and she became very interested in the story of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac. She had a lot of questions, and she was given a Bible. "Please pray that she will come to know the true God," the missionary asks.