

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
January 9, 2022
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*"You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;"*

Prelude

Opening Song Video: *"Jesus, Strong and Kind"* – CityAlight
(with signing by the kids of NEC)

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship and God's Greeting

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name,

People: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**People: the God of glory thunders, the Lord,
over mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty
- Based on Psalm 29:2-4

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!

* Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #775 v. 1-3 *“Across the Lands”*

1. You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice.

Refrain

*You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

2. Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered,
that the guilty may go free.

Refrain

3. With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

Refrain

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* Opening Prayer

* Hymn of Response: LUYH #521 v. 1-3

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount— I’m fixed upon it—
mount of God’s unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now 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, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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*“Every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.”*

Safe Church Video –

Safe Church Ministry – Classis Pacific Northwest: Sherry Fakkema

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

Offertory/Song of Preparation: LUYH #746 v. 1-3
"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

1.

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

PLEASE STAND

3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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

*"All creation holds together
by the power of your voice."*

Scripture Readings: Matthew 3:13-17 and Luke 3:15-22

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Life and Ministry of Jesus – The Baptism of Jesus"***

Time of Prayer

*"Let the sky declare your glory;
let the lands and sea rejoice."*

* Song of Application: *"O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer" v. 1-3*

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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*(During this song the children will be returning from Children and
Worship and the elders serving communion are invited
to make their way forward to the front pew.)*

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper Together

Summary of the Scriptural Teaching
(Based on I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We Affirm our Faith:

(Based on Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 75, 80)

Leader: Our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return to glory.

People: **In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.**

Leader: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship Him.

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

Distribution of the Elements

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" v. 1-3

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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LUYH #844 v. 1-5 *“Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord”*

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
In Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.
4. Therefore we celebrate the feast,
therefore we celebrate the feast.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
therefore we celebrate the feast.
5. Sing alleluia to the Lord,
Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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(During the singing of these songs the elders will be distributing the elements. Individual communion packets are available on the back table in the narthex and in the middle circle of the juice tray that will be passed around)

Invitation

The Bread:

The Cup:

Prayer of Gratitude

* We Profess our Faith: (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #70)

Leader: What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

People: To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross.

To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.

* God's Blessing:

* Parting Praise: LUYH #302 "Hear Our Praises" v. 1-2

1. 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.*

2. 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! Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." Our Savior invites us to His table, a table of love that has been prepared for us. Jesus, Our Savior, lived, died and lives again for each one of us. Let us worship our God today and praise Him for His love. After the worship service, we invite you to join us in the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Today 1/9</i>	<i>Next Week 1/16</i>
Sound:	Henry VZ	Mardy S.
Projection:	Devin VZ	Tim H.
Video	Brandon S.	Dick G.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

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.

Worship Service YouTube Link: Jan. 2 Service: Only audio recordings are available of this service.

The Meal Train for Dennis and Melba DeKok is complete through the first week in February! Thank you so much to all who are blessing the DeKoks with delicious dinners. I will keep the link here in case dates are added and I will let you know! 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. Jan. 9 – Luke 3:21-23 *"The Baptism of Jesus"*
3. Jan. 16 – Sanctity of Life Sunday
4. Jan. 23 – Luke 4:1-13 *"The Temptation of Jesus"*
5. Jan. 30 – Luke 5:1-11 *"Calling of the Disciples"*
6. Feb. 6 – John 2:1-11 *"The First Miracle"*
7. Feb. 13 – Luke 6:1-11 *"Sabbath Controversies"*
8. Feb. 20 – Luke 7:36-50 *"Growing Fame"*
9. Feb. 27 – Luke 8:5-18 *"The Parable of the Soils"*

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – Henry & Pam Van Zanten; **Next Week:** Greg & Tish Ackermann

Coffee Hosts: This morning –Keith & Jean Rasmussen; **Next week:** Mardick & Jill Stevens

Next week:

Worship Team: Eliot B., Julie S., Adriana S., Tessa S.

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>

21ST ANNUAL QUILT & MORE AUCTION! C.A.R.E. Medical Center's 21st Annual Quilt & More Auction is just around the corner! Mark your calendar and please plan on joining us for this exciting event!

Here are the event details:

WHEN: Saturday February 5 • **TIME:** 9:00am Doors open, 10:00am Auction begins, 12:00pm Event ends

WHERE: Mount Vernon Church of the Nazarene, 2710 E. Fir Street, Mount Vernon

WHY: The proceeds from this event are used to support C.A.R.E. Medical Center in its mission to help the women and men in our community who are facing unplanned pregnancies by providing education, resources, and compassionate care.

DONATE ITEMS

We are now accepting donations for this event! Here are some ideas:

- New items • Antiques • Gift certificates to businesses
- Own a business? Consider donating some of your products or services
- Of course, we always welcome your hand-made quilts! • CASH

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Show the World - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever grumbled? Say the word "grumble" a couple of times. Most likely, it will make your eyebrows crease and your mouth turn to a frown. In Philippians 2, Paul wrote to a church telling them to do everything without grumbling or arguing. How do we do that? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out 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. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Launch of Thriving Essentials - Thriving Essentials is a new course for elders, deacons, church staff, and any volunteer ministry leader. These four, one-hour sessions are offered on Zoom and cover key ideas about mission, discipleship, discernment, and leadership. New groups start every month. Learn more and register now at crcna.org/Thrive

Groundwork: Life and Reconciliation in Christ - Injustice and sin are rampant in humanity. But the Apostle Paul seeks to energize our faith when everything around us says we should be discouraged. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Ephesians 2 to hear Paul's assurance that, in Jesus Christ, God's grace is abundant and we find justice, reconciliation, and belonging in God's family. Listen now at 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 Deuteronomy 11:18-20 and ponder or discuss the following questions. This passage envisions a community that is shaped and guided by God's Word—one in which God's people keep God's Word continually in front of themselves and pass it on to others. How do the Christian communities you are a part of (such as family, friends, church, other groups) live out God's commands in this passage? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit 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



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@firstcrmv.com by 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please pray for **Joni Beezhold's** cousin **Val** and her entire family. Val's son Nick passed away after an tragic assault. Please pray for God's comfort and peace amidst the many 'why' questions. Pray for the entire family as they grieve the loss of such a young loved one.

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

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 January 3 - *ReFrame Ministries: Brazil*

Juscelino and Raul are a father and teenage son who regularly listen to our Brazilian Portuguese ministry programs. Juscelino recently shared that Raul made profession of faith at their church. "We pray for you and thank you all," he said. Praise God for Raul's faith, and pray that he and Juscelino will continue to support one another in their spiritual walk.

Tuesday January 4 - *World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)*

In December tornadoes ripped through six southern U.S. states, bringing great destruction and loss of life. Immediate focus is on emergency response, and DRS will respond to long-term needs in the coming months. Join us in prayer for all who have been affected by these devastating storms.

Wednesday January 5 - *Resonate: Ontario*

"Pray for wisdom and discernment to articulate and embody the good news of Jesus in a multifaith context," asks Mike Wagenman, a Resonate partner campus minister at Western University in Ontario. Ask the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in and through this campus ministry in the coming semester.

Thursday January 6 - *Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations*

Today many churches around the world will celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the visit of the Magi (Matt. 2). Pray that God's people will find unity and strength in the truth that Jesus came to save all who will put their trust in him.

Friday January 7 - *ReFrame: India*

A pastor in India recently invited our Hindi ministry team to share resources and God's Word with young people in his community. Pray for the 150 teenagers who attended the event, as many of them shared about struggles with substance abuse, addiction to the internet, and losing their faith.

Saturday January 8 - *Resonate: Japan*

Resonate missionaries Ken and Jeannie Lee give thanks for 34 people who joined partnering churches in Japan during the pandemic! Pray that these individuals may continue to learn more about Christ and grow as disciples.

Sunday January 9 - *ThereforeGo Ministries: Building up*

Today is the suggested offering Sunday for ThereforeGo Ministries.

Please pray that many in our supporting churches will catch the vision for the work of building relationships with emerging adults by joining a Mentoring Network. Please pray also for the young people whose lives will be touched through our SERVE mission trips this year.