

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
January 23, 2022
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*“When we face temptation’s power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,”*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the king of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

**People: The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the king of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord Almighty – He is the King of glory.

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #553 v. 1,3,4 *“How Great Thou Art”*

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

*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!*

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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* 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 #559 v. 1-3 "Ten Thousand Reasons"

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending—
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name,
worship your holy name, worship your holy name.*

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*“Christ, who knew the tempter’s power,
- come and be our living bread.”*

Teaching Video: “The Test” – Bible Project

*(Following the video the children are invited
forward for the Children’s Message)*

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 Thanksgiving: LUYH #682 v. 1-3

"Before the Throne of God Above"

1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.
3. Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM,"
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

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*"By your grace, protect, preserve us,
lest we fall, your trust betray."*

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible pg. 1017)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Life and Ministry of Jesus –
Temptation in the Desert"***

Time of Prayer

*"Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey."*

* Hymn of Response: LUYH #115 v. 1-4 *"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"*

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
"Use your power," the tempter tells him;
"Turn these barren rocks to bread!"
"Not alone by bread," he answers,
"can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!"
2. Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
"Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!"
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request;
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test."
3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain,
by the lure of vast domain:
"Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame you're sure to gain!"
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way;
"God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!"

4. When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us,
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

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Offering

Offertory Video: *"Good and Gracious King"*

* We Profess our Faith: (Our World Belongs to God – Articles 23-27)

Leader: 23. Remembering the promise
to reconcile the world to himself,
God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ—
the eternal Word made flesh.
He is the long-awaited Messiah,
one with us and one with God,
fully human and fully divine,
conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

**People: 24. As the second Adam,
Jesus chose the path we had rejected.
In his baptism and temptations,
teaching and miracles, battles with demons
and friendships with sinners,
Jesus lived a full and righteous human life
before us.
As God's true Son,
he lovingly obeyed the Father
and made present in deed and word
the coming rule of God.**

Leader: 25. Standing in our place,
Jesus suffered during his years on earth,
especially in the tortures of the cross.

He carried God's judgment on our sin—
his sacrifice removed our guilt.
God raised him from the dead:
he walked out of the grave,
conqueror of sin and death— Lord of Life!
We are set right with God, given new life,
and called to walk with him
in freedom from sin's dominion.

**People: 26. Being both divine and human,
Jesus is the only mediator.
He alone paid the debt of our sin;
there is no other Savior.
We are chosen in Christ
to become like him in every way.
God's electing love sustains our hope:
God's grace is free to save sinners
who offer nothing but their need for mercy.**

**Leader: 27. Jesus ascended in triumph,
raising our humanity to the heavenly throne.
All authority, glory, and sovereign power
are given to him.**

**People: There he hears our prayers
and pleads our cause before the Father.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

* God's Blessing:

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

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

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.
From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

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Postlude

Welcome! Sunday worship is the call of God to bring special honor to his name. Give him what he asks through faithful worship. Receive this day also as his gift to you to refresh you for the week ahead. 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>Tech Team</i>	<i>Today 1/23</i>	<i>Next Week 1/30</i>
Sound:	Tim H.	Mardy S.
Projection:	Devin VZ	Tim H.
Video	Brandon S.	Devin VZ
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

January 23, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Instrumentalist Sunday! *Sunday, January 30* will be the first of several 'instrumentalist Sundays" throughout 2022! If you like to play an instrument (trumpet, flute, clarinet, trombone, etc.) and would like to play along with some familiar hymns on the 30th - please let Beth know as soon as possible. The instrumental music to 4 hymns will be placed in your church mailbox. We are looking forward to hearing our many gifted musicians (young and old!) play on the 30th!

Congratulations to Cody and Angela See on the birth of little Mason! We are starting a **Meal Train** for them, similar to that which was set up for the DeKoks. As soon as I receive the link I will be sending out an email with it. Again, if you aren't computer savvy or are unable to open the link, please call **Heather Van Hofwegen at (425) 923-6446**.

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](http://www.firstcrcmv.com) for more information on these and other giving options.

The Meal Train for Dennis and Melba DeKok is complete through the first week in February! If we add additional dates as time goes by I will let you know and send out the link. Thank you for your kind hearts!

There are copies of *Today's Christian Living* on the shelf in the hallway underneath the Missionary bulletin board.

Worship Service YouTube Link:

Jan. 16 Morning Service: <https://youtu.be/gqSJljQGY2Q>

We have accumulated a nice little pile of lost and found items on the table by the kitchen. If you are missing a Bible, an umbrella, dinosaur toy or floral mask, this is your day!



CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning –Greg & Beth Boon;

Next week - Blom Family

Coffee Hosts: This morning – John & Judy Velasquez;

Next week: Dennis & Melba DK

Next week:

Worship Team: Kevin & Glenda K., Kayla VH, Ellie VB;

Feb. 6 – Bob DG, Juli O., Kiera L., Caleb L., Joel L.

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! (*C.A.R.E. was formerly Pregnancy Choices*)

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. To donate, please contact **Marnie Fox at 360-941-5821 or Irene Bazan at 360-428-4777.**

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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/

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.

God's Global Community - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Did you know that God made every person on earth? And that no two of us are the same? God created an incredible global community, and you are a part of it. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: Your Identity in Christ and Your Behavior - Believing in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior changes your behavior, or at least it should. Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 4:1-5:20 to hear the Apostle Paul's explanation for why and how our identity in Jesus Christ impacts what we do and say. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Read Luke 24:45-49 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Luke says, "He opened [the disciples'] minds so they could understand the Scriptures." What do you think that revelation might have felt like to these friends of Jesus? What does it mean to be a "witness" to the truths of the gospel? How do you (or might you) do that in your everyday life? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

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 crna.org/Thrive



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

NEW REQUESTS:

Please keep **Shirley Boonstra** in your prayers throughout the hours and days ahead. This week she was experiencing significant nausea and was admitted to the ER. While there she received a CT scan that revealed a significant mass in her abdomen. In the coming days she will be undergoing a biopsy. Please pray for God's peace upon Shirley and all of her loved ones during this time of much uncertainty.

Congratulations to the **See** family on the birth of baby **Mason Glen**, born Wednesday morning! See the bulletin announcements for information on a Meal Train being set up for them.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please pray for **Joni Beezhold's brother Kevin** who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Please pray that the treatment itself is effective. Pray too for God's peace upon Kevin and all those who are close to him.

Dennis DeKok started radiation therapy this week and has also met with a physical therapist to start strengthening exercises. If you would like to follow Dennis' progress on a regular basis one of the best ways to do so is through the family's Caring Bridge site. (Just make sure when you type in his name that you don't put in a space between the 'e' and the 'K' in the last name or it won't show up. 😊) An easier way to find it would be to simply click on the following link and sign in/up accordingly:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dennisdekok>

Please pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones.

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 17 - *World Renew: Mercy and Justice*

On this Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, we remember and celebrate the rights we are all entitled to as children of God. No matter where we live, our age, or the color of our skin, we all deserve equal and fair treatment—and yet inequalities remain prevalent in societies around the globe. As we seek to live justly, love mercy, and serve Christ, please join us in praying for unity and peace for all.

Tuesday January 18 - *ReFrame: Russia*

101 Vopros Ateista (“101 Questions Atheists Ask”) is a question-and-answer show in which our Russian ministry team answers questions from listeners about the Christian faith, using a live call-in format. Pray for wisdom for our ministry partners there as they respond to questions like “Where is your God when so many people are suffering in the world?”

Wednesday January 19 - *Resonate: Church plants*

The coronavirus pandemic has been difficult for many churches, especially newly planted ones. Ask God to provide needed resources for church plants to thrive. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance on how best to serve and share Christ’s love with their communities.

Thursday January 20 - *World Renew: Haiti*

Pray for families in Haiti who have lost their homes, their belongings, and their ability to generate income in the wake of disasters. As we continue to access and respond to needs in the region, please ask that God may be the source of hope and comfort for these families as they strive to rebuild their lives.

Friday January 21 - *Safe Church: Thanks and reflections*

As we enter a new year, we reflect and give thanks for the many volunteers who support our ministry and encourage us in so many ways, for church communities who work toward creating spaces that are free from abuse, and for the ongoing support we receive daily as we lean into the work of awareness, prevention, and response.

Saturday January 22 - *Raise Up: Global Coffee Break: New connections*

Pray as Global Coffee Break forms new partnerships in North America and internationally; give thanks with us for open doors, catalyzing strength, and shared vision! Pray that we may mutually strengthen each other as we connect people with God's Word. Pray for ongoing training in facilitating Bible studies and in writing study materials.

Sunday January 23 - *Trinity Christian College: Thanks and guidance*

Join us in thanking God for an overall strong and healthy fall semester after returning to in-person instruction. As we begin the spring semester, pray that the Spirit of wisdom will guide our students, faculty, and staff as they learn how to be a Christ-centering community today.