

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
February 13, 2022
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*"My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation;"*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-29

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls."*

* Opening Songs of Praise:

1. *"Living Waters" v. 1-4 (Getty)*

1. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken,
Come and drink these living waters.

2. Christ is calling, find refreshing
at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone,
rise up in these living waters.

Chorus

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.*

3. Spirit moving, mercy washing;
healing in these living waters
Lead your children to the shoreline,
life is in these living waters.

Chorus

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.*

4. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.

Chorus

Ending

There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.

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2. LUYH #123 v. 1-4 "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

1. Come to me, O weary traveler;
come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy burdened;
come to me and find your rest.
2. Do not fear, my yoke is easy;
do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you;
do not run from me in fright.
3. Take my yoke and leave your troubles;
take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you;
take and learn humility.
4. Rest in me, O weary traveler;
rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle;
rest and cast away your care.

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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

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #615 *"Softly and Tenderly"*

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

*Come home, come home,
you who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

3. Oh! For the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909), P.D.; Music: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909), P.D.

*"A fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken."*

Announcements

Offering

Offertory: "Sabbath" – The Bible Project

(Following the conclusion of the video the children are invited forward for the Children's Message)

Children's Message: Mrs. Marjo Rouw

(Following the message children ages 3-3rd grade are invited to go to Children in Worship)

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #699 v.1-2 "Like a River Glorious"

1. Like a river glorious
is God's perfect peace,
over all victorious
in its bright increase:
perfect, yet still flowing
fuller every day;
perfect, yet still growing
deeper all the way.

Refrain

*Trusting in the Father,
hearts are fully blest,
finding, as he promised,
perfect peace and rest.*

2. Hidden in the hollow
of his mighty hand,
where no harm can follow,
in his strength we stand.
We may trust him fully
all for us to do;
those who trust him wholly
find him wholly true.

Refrain

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1878, alt., P.D.; Music: James Mountain, 1876, P.D.

"O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;"

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:1-11 (Pew Bible Pg. 1020)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"The Life and Ministry of Jesus – Sabbath Controversies"***

Time of Prayer

"Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God."

* Song of Application: LUYH #370 v. 1-3 *"My Soul Finds Rest"*

1. My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness;
I'll look to him who hears me.

Refrain

*O praise him, hallelujah,
my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing,
my Redeemer, my God.*

2. Find rest, my soul, in God alone
amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.

Refrain

3. I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in him completely;
with every day pour out my soul,
and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my King has crushed the curse of death,
and I am his forever.

Refrain

*O praise him, hallelujah,
my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing,
my Redeemer, my God.*

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* We Profess our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 103

(Pastor John and Congr) (Bulletin and screen)

Leader: Q. What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

People: **A. First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I regularly attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.**

Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin already in this life the eternal Sabbath.

*God's Blessing: (Pastor John)

*Parting Praise: LUYH #363 v. 1-3 "Blessed Assurance" (WT/Organ)

1. Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

3. Perfect submission: all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

Words: Fanny Crosby, 1873, P.D; Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873, P.D. CCLI #678905

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>Tech Team</i>	<i>Today 2/13</i>	<i>Next Week 2/20</i>
Sound:	Mardy S.	Mardick S.
Projection:	Beth B.	Tim H.
Video	Brandon S.	Dick G.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC Bulletin

Announcements

February 13, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This morning we celebrate Shirley Boonstra's 80th Birthday! Please join us after church for Birthday Cake and coffee and to wish Shirley a wonderful birthday year!

All men who would like to participate in leading "And Can It Be" on February 27. Please meet by the piano after church on Feb 20 for a short rehearsal.

Welcome Baby Basket: It has been a few years since we have had the opportunity to welcome a new baby into our church family. Let's welcome our newest addition, **Mason Glen See!** There will be a basket in the church fellowship hall for the next few weeks. Join in on the fun of filling the basket with any kind of gift that will help the See family welcome and celebrate their precious little blessing. There are still a few slots open for the MealTrain. The link for their meal train is: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rqyvkw> Again, if you aren't computer savvy or are unable to open the link, please call **Heather Van Hofwegen at (425) 923-6446.**

Save the Date! This year's **Good Friday Service (April 15)** will be a combined service at our sister church - **Faith Community Fellowship (1427 Monte Viste Drive).** On this evening we will take the time to remember the events of Jesus' death and what it means for the redemption of the world. The service will begin at **6:30 PM.**

Ministry Need - Intern Pastor Housing: At the February 23, 2020 town hall meeting our congregation overwhelmingly approved the desire to become a CRC 'mentor church' to a current, or recently graduated, seminarian. Ideally it would be for someone who desires additional field education experience in the parish ministry. ... Unfortunately, less than a month later, COVID arrived and those plans were put on

hold. Recently, we resubmitted our application. Our hope is that such an intern would begin sometime this summer (starting anywhere between June 1 – Sept. 1) and serve at least through May 31, 2023. We look forward to seeing where God leads.

Part of our responsibility to the intern is to provide housing options. Such options could include living with a family in the church (or broader Mount Vernon community), house sitting, or renting. Congregational members who may be aware of any potential possibilities along these lines are encouraged to contact Pastor John, or any one of the elders, in the weeks ahead. Thank you in advance for keeping an ear out on this significant need!

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.

Worship Service YouTube Link: Feb. 6 Morning Service: Will be ready next week

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 Soil”*

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **Randy & Peggy Burr;**

Next week – **Dennis & Melba DK**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – **Larry & Maxine Greidanus**

Next week – **Dick & Linda Gudmunson**

Children’s Worship: This morning – **Heather VH, Franchesca K.;**

Next week – **Juli O., Kera B.**

Next week:

Feb. 20 – Greg & Beth B., Franchesca K., Nellie VDH;

Feb. 27 – Henry VZ, Pam VZ, Sylvia VZ, Kayla VH, Ella VH

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (May 23 – June 4, 2022):

Travel to ancient sites in Turkey connected with Paul’s First, Second and Third Missionary Journeys, and also the seven churches of Revelation. Added to these magnificent biblical sites is a visit to the spectacular region of Cappadocia. Contact Dr. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Justice and Mercy: Read Isaiah 10:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What examples of unjust laws or oppressive decrees do you see in your community or your country? Throughout the Bible, God’s voice rings out to support people who are poor and oppressed and to protect them from injustice. In your opinion, does the church’s passion for justice and mercy match God’s? Why or why not? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Make the World a Better Place - Check out the new kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In 1 Timothy 4:12, the apostle Paul gives Timothy two pieces of advice. First, “Don’t let anyone make fun of you just because you are young.” and second, “Set an example for other followers by what you say and do.” Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: When Life is Meaningless - Do you ever feel like you're spinning your wheels but not getting anywhere? Life can bring its share of discouragement. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Ecclesiastes 1-2 and 5:18-20 to glean wisdom for life from the Teacher and discuss why we can have hope even when life seems meaningless. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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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.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Thank you for your faithful prayers for **Joni's brother Kevin Wigboldy**. He completed his second round of treatment. We are thankful that after 30 plus days in the hospital, he continues to stay strong mentally and physically as he continues to walk, has a good appetite, and spreads love to all those who surround him. Kevin is eager to go home and is currently in a waiting phase as the chemo works in his body. Please continue to pray that his leukemia goes into remission. A favorite Psalm of his is Psalm 86.

Dennis DeKok had good news this week in that his PSA numbers are way down since starting his treatment! We thank God that things are going smoothly right now with his therapies. His Caring Bridge page is: <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 February 7 - World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)

North America experienced a slew of natural disasters in the past year: floods in British Columbia and Washington state, tornados in Kentucky and neighboring states, fires in Colorado, and many other storms that devastated communities. Looking ahead, we ask the Spirit for discernment in how to respond to increasingly large and frequent storms across the continent.

Tuesday February 8 - Resonate: Spain

Resonate missionaries Tony and Stacey Meyer lead Mountainview International Church in Spain. They ask for prayers that their church members may have opportunities to be witnesses to their families and friends. "Most are the only Christians in their families, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods," explain the Meyers.

Wednesday February 9 - ReFrame: Mali

Our French ministry team recently began a new partnership with a radio station in Mali. Pray that this new programming will connect with radio listeners in the region and that God will work through the radio station staff to answer any questions the listeners may have.

Thursday February 10 - Disability Concerns: Community

In January, Disability Concerns hosted a book club to discuss Kate Bowler's book *No Cure for Being Human* (and Other Truths I Need to Hear), which focuses on navigating life's challenges in hard times. We thank God for the reminders that strength lies in community and that we, the body of Christ, are designed to support and encourage one another. May we continue to look for ways to do so in our daily lives.

Friday February 11 - World Renew: Southern Africa Ministry Team

COVID cases have increased rapidly in southern Africa, affecting staff and partners in the region. We praise God that many cases have been relatively mild and that staff have been able to rest and recharge over the holidays. The team requests prayers for wisdom in the year ahead

as they discern how best to aid partners in the many communities they reach.

Saturday February 12 - *Resonate: University of Michigan*

“Many of our students are at points of transition, and it is a particularly difficult time to be applying for academic programs or going into the job market. Pray for peace and trust in such an anxious space,” said Matt Ackerman, a Resonate partner campus minister at the University of Michigan.

Sunday February 13 - *Office of Social Justice: Giving thanks*

Today is the designated Sunday for giving to OSJ. Praise God with us for all that the church has learned about root causes of poverty, hunger, and oppression and how, in Jesus’ name, the church calls on people in power to improve systems and enact just policies.