

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
March 13, 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Lent
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*"In Christ alone, my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song -"*

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Song of Praise: *"Cornerstone" (Hillsong) v. 1-3*

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Repeat Verse 1

Chorus

*Christ alone cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (2x)

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* Call to Worship: Based on Hebrews 12:1-3

Leader: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

People: We worship you, Lord.

Leader: "For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

People: We worship you, Lord.

Leader: "Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

People: Let us turn our eyes to Jesus and worship him.

* Opening Song of Praise: LUYH #770 v. 1-4 *"In Christ Alone"*

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 the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was 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 pow'r of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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* God's Greeting:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: May grace and peace be yours in abundance
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen!

* We Greet One Another

*"This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought & storm"*

* Invitation to Transformed Living

Leader: Friends, when we confess our sins,
we do so in recognition that Jesus has already
sacrificed and made forgiveness available to us.
Hebrews 4 says,

People: **Therefore, since we have a great high priest
Who has ascended into heaven,
Jesus the Son of God,
Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable
to empathize with our weaknesses,
But we have one who has been tempted
in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin.

People: **Let us then approach God’s throne of grace
with confidence, so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

Leader: In confidence of God’s mercy and grace,
let us confess our sins together in a time of prayer.

* Prayer of Confession

* Call to Holy Living (Based on Hebrews 10:19, 23-25)

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence
to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus ...
let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,
for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward
love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together,
as some are in the habit of doing,
but encouraging one another –
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

* Sung Response: LUYH #15 v. 1-2 “*The First Place*”

1. Jesus, the perfect picture of the unseen God.
Maker of things we cannot comprehend.
Wisdom, the earth displays your strength and beauty.
Sovereign, yes, every throne knows you are God.

Refrain

*Every inch of this universe belongs to you, O Christ.
For through you and for you it was made.
Your creation endures by the order of your hand.
So you must have in all things the first place.*

2. Victor, over sin and death you triumphed.
Firstborn, you've shown us life beyond the grave.
Bridegroom, we long for you in expectation.
Jesus, your church rejoices to proclaim.

Refrain X 2

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Announcements

Offering:

Offertory Video: "Hebrews" – The Bible Project
*(Following the offertory children of all ages
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)*

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #17 v. 1-4 "Beautiful Savior"

1. Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

ACAPELLA

4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

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Music: Schleissche Volkslieder, 1842, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

"What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease"

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-14 (Pew Bible Pg. 1184)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "**Jesus is Greater than the Angels**"

Time of Prayer

"My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand."

Song Video of Reflection: "*See How He Loves*" – *Sovereign Grace*

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #174 v. 1-3 "*I Stand Amazed*"

1. I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus, the Nazarene,
and wonder how He could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Chorus

*How marvelous, how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful
is my Savior's love for me!*

2. He took my sins and my sorrows;
He made them His very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary
and suffered and died alone.

Chorus

3. When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages
to sing of His love for me.

Chorus

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* We Profess our Faith: Belgic Confession Articles 1 and 10

Leader: Article 1 – The Only God

People: We believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God – eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty, completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

Leader: Article 10 – The Deity of Christ

People: We believe that Jesus Christ, according to his divine nature, is the only Son of God – eternally begotten, not made or created, for then he would be a creature. He is one in essence with the Father; coeternal; the exact image of the person of the Father and the “reflection of his glory,” being in all things like him.

* God’s Blessing

* Parting Praise: “*All Glory Be to Christ*” v. 1-3

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand,
no legacy survive;
unless the Lord does raise the house,
in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain,
tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn;
all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing,
all glory be to Christ!*

2. His will be done, His kingdom come,
on earth as is above,
who is Himself our daily bread;
praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy
the thirsty without price;
we'll take a cup of kindness yet;
all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

*All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
all glory be to Christ!*

3. When on the day the great I Am,
the faithful and the true,
the Lamb who was for sinners slain,
is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
and be our steadfast light.
And we shall e're his people be;
all glory be to Christ.

Chorus

Chorus: Sing acapella

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Postlude

Welcome to worship! Here let us seek to see God more clearly, love God more completely, and serve God more certainly. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! 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 3/13</i>	<i>Next week 3/20</i>
Sound:	Henry VZ	Tim H.
Projection:	Tim H.	Devin VZ
Video	Brandon S.	Dick G.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

March 13, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Would you like to purchase an *Easter lily* in memory of a loved one? They will be placed at the front of the church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order, please call or leave a message for Beth at the church office (336-2405) by Monday, April 11. The cost of the lilies will be available soon. Make checks payable to the First Christian Reformed Church and turn the money into the church office. Lilies may be taken home after the Easter services.

Instrumentalist Sunday! *Easter Sunday* will be our second "Instrumentalist Sunday" throughout 2022! If you like to play an instrument (trumpet, flute, clarinet, trombone, etc.) and would like to play along with beautiful Easter hymns please let Beth know as soon as possible. The instrumental music to 4 hymns will be placed in your church mailbox no later than Saturday, April 1.

Save the Date! On Friday, March 25 at 7 PM we will be showing the movie "*The Pilgrim's Progress*" in the church fellowship hall. The book itself was written by John Bunyan nearly 350 years ago while he was still in prison. This Christian allegory is generally regarded as one of the most significant works of theological fiction in English literature. And when it comes to total sales - "*The Pilgrim's Progress*" is second only to the Bible itself. ... We certainly encourage you to read the book itself, but the movie is good too! So bring your family, friends, and neighbors to the showing on the 25th. Popcorn will be provided - any candy, drinks, and 'comfy chairs' are up to you!

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 Vista 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**.

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: March 6: <https://youtu.be/Voi2f0T35Ew>

CALENDAR:

Greeters: This morning – **John & Judy Velasquez;**

Next week – **Clarence & Eleanor Klunder**

Coffee Hosts: This morning – Keith & Jean Rasmussen;

Next week – Mardick & Jill Stevens

Children's Worship: This morning – **Heidi B., Rayah O.;**

Next week – **Alyssa A., Elly VB**

Worship Team: This Morning – Eliot B., Julie S., Adriana S., Tessa S.

Next Week – TBD

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Tues., March 17 – Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Weds., March 16, 6:30pm GEMS

Friday, March 25, 7 pm: Family Movie Night

April 15, 6:30pm: Good Friday combined service at Faith Community Fellowship

RECOMMENDED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share God's Hope with People Impacted by the Ukraine Conflict - The reports of food and medical supply shortages, disruptions in water services, and families being torn apart following the escalation in hostilities in Ukraine have caused deep global concern. Millions are displaced within Ukraine and over 1.5 million people have fled to neighboring countries as refugees. The growing need is heartbreaking, but you can share hope with people impacted by this crisis. World Renew is responding by supporting fellow members in Integral Alliance as they work with on-ground partners in the region. Your gift, through World Renew, will give temporary shelter, emergency non-food items, such as blankets and hygiene items, and much-needed health support to people left vulnerable by this conflict. To donate go to: worldrenew.net/ukraine-response

God Loves Me. The Bible Tells Me So - Check out the new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever wondered why we read the Bible? The Bible points us to God, and as Mark 12:30 says, "You must love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength." 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.

Join World Renew Disaster Response Services in Building

Communities of Hope - Many survivors with little or no resources to repair or rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by a flood, fire, tornado, or other disaster, are left feeling overwhelmed and hopeless. Through your gifts you walk alongside World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers to help rebuild lives and restore hope for the future in disaster-impacted communities. To donate or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call 1-800-552-7972 or go online to: worldrenew.net/drs

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Listening:

Read Psalm 116:1-2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Do you truly believe—with your heart as well as your head—that God listens to you? How, when, and where do you speak to and listen to God? How might you increasingly become someone who "inclines your ear" to others? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Groundwork: The Curse of the Cross - We were rightly cursed by God for our failure to keep his covenant. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Deuteronomy 28:1-19, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Galatians 3:10-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Isaiah 53:4-11 to better understand the cursed nature of the cross and discuss the implications of this curse and Jesus' death under it for our lives of faith today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



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:

We give thanks that after two months in the hospital - **Kevin Wigboldy** (Joni B.'s brother) was recently able to come home! The family is still in 'caution' mode due to his weakened immune system, but Kevin is currently enjoying spending quality time with his loved ones away from the hospital. We give thanks to God for this fantastic news and encourage you to continue to lift Kevin and his family up in your prayers throughout the weeks and months ahead!

Shirley Boonstra has a new address! She has moved into the Country Meadow Village in Sedro Woolley. Her new address is as follows:
C/O Country Meadow Village - Room 503
1501 Collins Road
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Pray for **Dennis DeKok**, that his fight against cancer will continue to go well and he can be restored to good health. 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; **Marcella DeVries** at Bethany Lutheran in Everett, 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 March 7 - *Resonate: Michigan*

Hesed Community Church, a Resonate partner in Detroit, Mich., is becoming a host site for youth employment through a citywide program. "We're excited for the chance to mentor teenagers in this area and to build relationships through which we can provide encouragement in their faith journey," said the ministry leaders.

Tuesday March 8 - *Safe Church: International Women's Day*

Today we pray for women who have been victimized by sexual, physical, and emotional abuse in all kinds of situations, from trafficking to domestic violence. Please pray also that as a ministry we may have the wisdom and discernment to know how best to equip churches to care for women who have been abused and to support them in their journey toward healing.

Wednesday March 9 - *Communications: Annual Day of Prayer*

Join CRC congregations and members in asking for God's blessing on the world, our nations and communities, crops and industry, and the church worldwide.

Thursday March 10 - *World Renew: Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB)*

Conflict, climate change, and COVID-19 have led to a global food crisis. With CFGB, World Renew is part of a network of Christian organizations working to end hunger. Together we serve vulnerable communities through emergency assistance and agriculture training. Pray for families affected by flooding, drought, severe weather, war, conflict, and other crises that lead to food insecurity.

Friday March 11 - *Resonate: Lithuania*

Threats of war are a common reality for many students who study at LCC International University, a Resonate partner in Lithuania. "Please pray for peace in Ukraine and in all the countries our students come from," ask Resonate missionaries who serve at the university.

Saturday March 12 - *Diversity: Planning*

Pray for the Southeast Asian and Pacific Islanders (SEAPI) board meeting in March as they make plans for the coming ministry year. Ask the Lord for a spirit of love and insight, allowing for the sharing of amazing stories of grace in various ministry fields.

Sunday March 13 - *ReFrame: Nigeria*

Pray for Samuel, who reads Today devotions in Nigeria and recently shared, "I lost my Dad, and within four years, I lost my mom and two brothers. I don't know what to do, but I still believe God will bring me through this."