

***Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!***  
***March 20, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent***  
**10:30 A.M. Worship Service**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

*“Before our Father’s throne”*

Prelude

Opening Song Video: *“Turn Your Eyes” – Sovereign Grace*

Welcome

\* Opening Hymn of Praise: *“Church of God, Elect and Glorious” v. 1-4*

1. Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race,  
called as God’s own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace;  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds,  
tell of love that knows no limits,  
grace that meets all human needs.
2. God has called you out of darkness  
into his most marvelous light,  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God’s name is glorified  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.
3. Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God’s heart of love,  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel the Father’s care,  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.

4. Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends,  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your Master sends.  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service,  
sing his praise, his love declare.

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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 #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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\* 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

*"We pour our ardent prayers;"*

\* 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)

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #674 v, 1-4

*“As Moses Raised the Serpent Up”*

1. As Moses raised the serpent up,  
so must God’s Son be lifted high,  
that whosoever will believe  
in him may live eternally.
2. For God so loved the world he made,  
he gave his own beloved Son;  
all who believe in him will live—  
not die, but live forevermore.
3. God did not send Christ to the world  
that he might then condemn us all,  
but that the world by Christ’s own death  
might then be ransomed from the fall.
4. For God so loved the world he made,  
he gave his own beloved Son;  
all who believe in him will live—  
not die, but live forevermore.

*Words: from John 3:14-17; vers. Marie J. Post, 1985, © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources; Music: English folk melody; arr. and desc. Emily R. Brink (b. 1940) © 2001 Faith Alive Christian Resources; CCLI #678905*

## Announcements

Offering:

Offertory Video: *“The Pilgrim’s Progress” – Trailer*

*(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 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
are invited to go to Children in Worship)*

\* Song of Preparation: *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” v. 1-3*

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There’s light for a look at the Savior,  
and life more abundant and free!

*Chorus*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*

2. Through death into life everlasting  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
over us sin no more hath dominion-  
for more than conquerors we are!

*Chorus*

3. His word shall not fail you - He promised;  
believe him, and all will be well:  
then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell!

*Chorus*

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*"Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,"*

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 3:1-19 (Pew Bible Pg. 1185)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Jesus is Greater than Moses"***

Time of Prayer

*"Our comforts and our cares."*

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #257 v. 1-4 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

1. Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

\* We Confess Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54-55

Leader: What do you believe concerning  
“the holy catholic church?”

**People: We believe that the Son of God,  
through his Spirit and Word,  
out of the entire human race,  
from the beginning of the world to its end,  
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself  
a community chosen for eternal life  
and united in true faith.  
And of this community I am and always will be  
a living member.**

Leader: What do you understand by  
“the communion of saints?”

**People: The communion of saints—  
believers one and all—  
as members of this community,  
share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.  
Each member should consider it a duty to use  
these gifts readily and cheerfully  
for the service and enrichment  
of the other members.**

\* God’s Blessing

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #257 v. 5-6 *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

5. This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way;  
while each in expectation lives  
and waits to see the day.

6. From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

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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 3/20</i>	<i>Next Week 3/27</i>
Sound:	Tim H.	Henry H.
Projection:	Devin VZ	Beth B.
Video	Dick G.	Tim H.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

# First CRC

## Bulletin Announcements

**March 20, 2022**

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Finance committee** has a budget review on Monday, March 21 at 6:30pm!

**A FAMILY SKATING PARTY** is being sponsored by the GEMS Girls Club on **Thursday, March 31 from 6:00–8:00 P.M.** at Skagit Skate in Burlington. Put it on your calendar and join the fun. Bring the whole family...even babies in strollers can be wheeled around the rink. Invite your friends and neighbors. ALL ARE WELCOME! Enjoy great fellowship, great exercise and a great family fun night. Remember those great skating parties years ago? Support GEMS—help us surpass the minimum requirement. Cost: \$7.00 per skater/skates; (\$1.00 more for online.)

**Christian Education Fund:** A reminder that all pledges for the school year 2021-2022 are due by May 31, 2022. For those who are a part of the CEF don't forget when you register for next school year to mark that you are a part of the First CRC CEF. If you have any questions regarding your pledges, please contact Katie Jungquist.

Would you like to purchase an ***Easter Lily or Bible*** 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. Bibles from the Gideons are \$5 apiece. 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> for more information on these and other giving options.*

**Worship Service YouTube Link:** March 13: <https://youtu.be/5RYsMJWQOLg>

**CALENDAR:**

**Greeters:** This morning – **Clarence & Eleanor Klunder**; Next week – **Henry & Sharon Kuipers**

**Coffee Hosts:** This morning – **Mardick & Jill Stevens**; Next week – **John & Judy Velasquez**

**Children's Worship:** This morning – **Alyssa A., Elly VB.**; Next week – **Alyssa A., Emmalyn S.**

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

**Next Week** – **Henry & Pam VZ, Sylvia VZ, Devin VZ**

**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

**Monday, March 21, 6:30pm:** Finance Committee Budget Review

**Friday, March 25, 7 pm:** Family Movie Night

**Thurs., March 31, 6:00-8:00pm** – GEMS Family Skate Night

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

### **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Annual Banner Appeal is underway!** - The 2022 appeal for The Banner, the CRC's award-winning monthly magazine, has started. The Banner is delivered free in print and online, and this annual donation appeal makes it possible. To help keep this community conversation going please give online now at: [TheBanner.org/Give](https://TheBanner.org/Give)

**Seeing God's Story Everywhere** - Check out the new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). What can you do to help yourself see Bible verses every day? Could you paint pictures about what you've read? The more ways you can look at Bible verses the easier it will be for you to have God's Word "on your hearts" (Deuteronomy 6:6). Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: The Shame of the Cross** - As we seek to comprehend the fullness of Jesus' sacrifice, we need to revisit the shame of the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 53:1-3, Philippians 2:5-8, Genesis 2:25, Genesis 3:7-10, Hebrews 12:1-3, and 1 Peter 2:4-6 to examine the relationship between sin and shame and unpack why Jesus' experience of shame was necessary for our salvation. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**World Renew Thanks You for Your Gift of Hope** - Thank you for your generosity and for joining World Renew's Disaster Response Services in extending Christ's love to survivors of disaster. Your gifts help Disaster Response Services volunteers to rebuild and repair homes in vulnerable communities that have been impacted by disaster, renewing hope for the future. If you would like to learn more about how World Renew is answering God's call for justice and mercy, please visit: [worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net)

**Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop** - Morning workshops. Afternoon instruction. One-on-ones with editors. Deep faith conversations. Think boot camp for your writing—whether it's fiction, nonfiction, or poetry—on June 20-24, 2022, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Scriptoria: An Interfaith Writing Workshop with Gary Schmidt, Hugh Cook, Patrice Gopo, L.S. Klatt, Robert Hudson, Nikki Grimes, Vinita Hampton Wright, and more. Visit [scriptoriaworkshop.org](http://scriptoriaworkshop.org)

**At-home Faith Practices Reflection Tip** - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Listening: Read James 1:19 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Being “quick to listen” is an enormous challenge in Western culture, where we often value speaking over listening. Do you know someone who is an intentionally deep listener? How does interacting with that person make you feel? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject](http://bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject))

**March 2022 Safe Church Webinar: Assessing Risk** - The Safe Church theme for this year is Safe Church Basics: Five Steps to a Safer Church. Join us March 23rd at 12pm Eastern for our first webinar: Assessing Risk. This webinar will feature a panel discussing abuse scenarios that have impacted Christian Reformed Church communities throughout North America. We will hear from a panel who will engage with these scenarios and then introduce a new tool from Safe Church called the Safe Church Assessment which is designed to assess risk and help determine how your church can do better in preventing abuse. register here: <https://bit.ly/scassessrisk>

**Come and Be Inspired** - We can all use some inspiration and togetherness. Registration is now open for Inspire 2022! Gather with us in the Chicago area on August 4-6 for a time of worship, learning, and fellowship. Register now to get the early bird rate; bring a group of more than 5 from the same church and get a further \$15 off! Full refunds are available until June 30; after that, you can transfer the registration within your church. Learn more and sign up at [crcna.org/inspire](http://crcna.org/inspire)



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](mailto:secretary@firstcrmv.com) by 9:00 am  
Thursday of each week with your prayer  
items.

### **NEW REQUESTS:**

**Case Lanting** passed away peacefully earlier this morning and is now in the very presence of his faithful Lord and Savior. The memorial service for Case is tentatively scheduled to take place here at First next Friday afternoon (March 25). We will pass along a specific time and confirm this as soon as we hear word. In the meantime, please continue to keep the Lanting family in your prayers as they grieve their loss.

### **CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

Please keep **Kevin Wigboldy** (Joni B.'s brother) in your prayers for continued healing while he has been able to come home.

Please pray for **Shirley Boonstra** as she begins treatment and adjust to her new home.

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 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 14 - *World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)***

This year marks the 50th anniversary of DRS programming. In that time, we have witnessed the heartbreak and frustration of many disasters in North America, and, even more, we have experienced the great faithfulness of God, who provides the means for rebuilding and spreading hope. We give thanks to be able to help and support people in the name of Christ.

**Tuesday March 15 - *Resonate: Campus ministry***

Give thanks with us for discipleship opportunities that Resonate partner campus ministries provide for students. "I currently see God challenging me and giving me the privilege of sharing my faith with students in my program," said a student in the community at Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy in Ontario.

**Wednesday March 16 - *Pastor Church Resources: Respectful dialogue***

With the Human Sexuality Report being discussed at synod in June, many congregations are engaging in challenging conversations about the report. Ask the Spirit to work in powerful ways, allowing for healthy and honest discussions while blanketing them with much grace. May we all continue to love and honor one another.

**Thursday March 17 - *ReFrame: Brazil***

Pray for people like Suelen in Brazil, who continues to feel the effects of isolation from the pandemic. Suelen reached out to our Portuguese ministry partners after they shared a video about loneliness. Suelen said that she recently had an especially hard time with her depression, but her relationship with Christ is helping her to get through it.

**Friday March 18 - *Chaplaincy and Care: End-of-life care***

Our hospice chaplains plan, assess, and care for people's spiritual needs. In this setting recovery is not an expected outcome, so patients and loved ones adjust to limiting capacities and oncoming grief. Questions about God and eternity and concerns for those left behind are common. Please pray for all chaplains in these settings as they offer the peace and love of God.

**Saturday March 19 - *Resonate: East Asia***

Resonate missionaries serving in a country in East Asia give thanks for the growth they've seen in their church plant—both in numbers and in deepening of faith. Ask God to continue to work in and through this faith community.

**Sunday March 20 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Exams***

Senior students are taking their oral comprehensive exams this month as they prepare for graduation and ministry beyond seminary. Pray that this process will not cause undue anxiety but will bless them in showing how much they have learned in their studies.