

*Next Week is Communion Sunday!*



***Creation groans***

*waiting for the children of God to be revealed*

***Creation groans***

*waiting to be born again;  
waiting to be released from the bondage  
of sin and decay.*

***Creation groans***

*in wars and rumors of war, in signs and wonders.  
These are the birth pangs that  
come before all things are made new.*

***Creation groans***

*in expectation of being fully restored,  
renewed, and reborn.*

***We groan too***

*for the Spirit of God is in us  
And moving toward all that is yet to be.*

***Come Celebrate!***

***Christ has died, Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again!***

**Welcome to Mount Vernon  
First Christian Reformed Church!  
Pastor John Knoester  
Nov. 6, 2022, Morning Service – 10:30 AM**

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

*“O worship the King all glorious above,”*

Prelude

Welcome

\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #2 v. 1-3, 5 *“O Worship the King”*

1. O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

PSALM 104; Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.; Music: W. Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; attr. Johann Michael Haydn, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

\* Call to Worship (Based on Psalm ):

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise!

Praise God in the temple,  
praise Him in the mighty heavens!

**People: Praise!**

**Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty.**

Leader: All that is alive, praise!

**People: Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!**

\* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #575 v. 1-4

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul praise him, for he is your help and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near.  
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things  
is wondrously reigning,  
sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper  
your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
as with his love he befriends you.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.; Music:  
(LOBE DEN HERREN): Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665; desc. Craig S.  
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\* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

*"O gratefully sing his power and his love:"*

Announcements

## Call to Confession

Sung Prayer: "As the Deer" v. 1-3

1. As the deer panteth for the water,  
so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship Thee.

*Chorus:*

*You alone are my Strength, my Shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship Thee.*

2. You're my friend and You are my brother  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*Chorus*

3. I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver,  
and the apple of my eye.

*Chorus:*

*"As the Deer" Psalm 42:1 Martin Nystrom, ©1984 Maranatha! Music CCLI# 678905*

Words of Assurance:

Leader: In Christ, we have the forgiveness of sins  
and the riches of God's grace.  
This grace was given to us:  
to preach to the nations the unsearchable riches  
of Christ, and to make plain to everyone  
the administration of this mystery,  
which for ages past was kept hidden in God,  
who created all things.  
God's Word is a lamp to our feet,  
and a light to our path.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

God's Will for our Lives (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 20-22)

Leader: Are all saved through Christ as all were lost through Adam?

**People: No. Only those are saved who by true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his blessings.**

Leader: What is true faith?

**People: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; It is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.**

Leader: What then must a Christian believe?

**People: Everything God promises us in the gospel.**

Song of Thanksgiving: "Thy Word" v. 1-2

*Chorus:*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

*Chorus*

2. I will not forget Your love for me, and yet My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,  
And I will love You to the end.

*Chorus*

*"Thy Word" Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith ©1983 Bug and Bear Music/  
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Offering: General Fund

Offertory Video: Biblical Authority in an Age of Uncertainty  
- Don Carson, John Piper, and Tim Keller

\*Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #762 v. 1-2 *"Ancient Words"*

1. Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope,  
give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where'er we roam  
ancient words will guide us home.
2. Holy words of our faith  
handed down to this age  
came to us through sacrifice.  
O heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart.  
O let the ancient words impart.

*Refrain*

*Ancient words, ever true,  
changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.*

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*(Following this song children ages 3-3rd grade are dismissed  
for Children and Worship)*

*"Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,"*

Scripture Readings: II Timothy 3:16-17

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***"Sola Scriptura"***

Time of Prayer

*"Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise."*

\* Hymn of Application: LUYH #769 v. 1-2

*"Keep What You Have Believed"*

1. Keep what you have believed,  
continue what you learned,  
because you know from whom you learned  
the Holy Word of God.  
That Word will make you wise  
through faith in Jesus Christ;  
salvation comes to those who trust  
in God with steadfast hope.
2. All Scripture is God-breathed,  
and useful for our lives  
to teach, rebuke, correct, and train  
in righteousness and faith,  
so that the church may grow,  
God's people be equipped  
for all good work to serve our God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Words: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; para. Emily Brink © 2008 Faith Alive Christian Resources  
Words: Charlotte Elliott, 1836, P.D.; William B. Bradbury, 1849, P.D.  
CCLI #678905

\* We Confess our Faith: Various Parts of Belgic Confession Articles 7 and 9

Leader: What do we believe regarding the sufficiency of Scripture?

**People: We believe that this Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it.**

Leader: What do we believe regarding the authority of Scripture?

**People: We believe without a doubt all things contained in them – not so much because the church receives and approves them as such but above all because the Holy Spirit testifies in our hearts that they are from God and also because they proves themselves to be from God.**

\* Parting Praise: LUYH #766 v. 1-3

*“Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness”*

1. Lord, we hear your Word with gladness:  
you have spoken—we rejoice:  
words of love and life and freedom—  
help us make their truth our choice!  
Now in holy celebration  
for your Word we worship you;  
spoken, written, known in Jesus,  
ours today to prove anew.
2. May we hear with understanding,  
by your Spirit taught and led.  
May the springs of all our being  
by your living Word be fed.  
May our hearts accept with meekness  
all the grace your light makes known.  
May obedience mark our footsteps  
till we make each word our own.
3. You have spoken; yours the fullness,  
ours the wealth of this, your Word.  
Debtors, then, as living letters,  
we must make your gospel heard!  
By your Spirit’s power transform us;  
shed your saving light abroad  
till our lives by love in action  
show our world the truth of God!

Words: Margaret Clarkson (b. 1915) © 1987 Hope Publishing Company; Music:  
W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825, P.D. CCLI #678905



\* Postlude

**Welcome** to our services of worship and praise! We pray that all will find strength, security, and fellowship with God and with one another. After the morning service, all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

<b>Tech Team</b>	<b>Today 11/06</b>	<b>Next Week 11/13</b>
Sound:	Henry H.	Mardy S.
Projection:	Beth B.	Maddie D.
Video	Brandon S.	Tim H.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

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Bulletin Announcements

**November 6, 2022**

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Get out your **White-Out** and please take the home phone number for **Hank and Anjean Vander Veen** out of your directory, as they are now only using their cell phones.

Please add their new address:

**Hank & Anjean Vander Veen**  
**The Bridge at Mount Vernon, Room 105**  
**301 S. LaVenture Road**  
**Mount Vernon, WA 98274**

Also the phone number for **Hans and Aileen Meischke** is incorrect. Please write in **(425)424-2044** as their “home” phone number. Thank you!

**Save the Date! Next Sunday** November 13 we will be celebrating the baptism of both Bailey and little Garrett Visser AND communion as well.

**GEMS NEED HELP WITH SUPPLIES FOR FATHER/DAUGHTER FUN**

**NIGHT:** Our girls and dads are looking forward to our first fun night since Covid, coming up on November 16. Can any of you help us with some specific (crazy!) needs? We are looking to borrow four tires, four wheelbarrows clean enough to sit in , and two gutters to be used as racetracks. We will return everything as close to the original condition as possible. Please contact Marjo Rouw with questions or if you can help us...or direct us to someone who can. Thanks in advance. Hopefully you have enjoyed the pictures we made with your generously shared magazines.

**Potluck today for EVERYONE after church! Come enjoy the fellowship and great food!**

**The Cadet Pancake Dinner is this Weds., November 9, from 5-7pm. Come and support our Cadets and eat some delicious flapjacks!**

**Worship Service YouTube Links:**

AM Service: <https://youtu.be/lmi9d-3D7Js>

Reformation Day Service: [https://youtu.be/1uQkEO\\_\\_9Vk](https://youtu.be/1uQkEO__9Vk)

*First CRC offers the option to give your offerings online, including setting up automatic and reoccurring donations. For information on this and other ways to give please check the “Give” page on the church’s website: [https://firstcrcmv.com/?page\\_id=1509](https://firstcrcmv.com/?page_id=1509)*

**THERE IS NOW A SERMON AUDIO SECTION** on the website where you can listen to or download sermons. The current series is now available as well as the 2 other sermons that were preached during this period that were not in the sermon series. To access this new section click on the “**Worship**” menu link and then select “**Sermons**”.

**If you are missing an towels or potholders** from the chili cookoff they are on the table by the kitchen! Please take them home before they become a permanent fixture!

**CALENDAR:**

***Greeters:*** Today: Clarence & Eleanor Klunder

Next Week, 11/13: Henry & Sharon Kuipers

***Coffee Hosts:*** Henry & Sharon Kupers

Next Week, 11/13: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

**Worship Team:** Stan B., Julie, Adriana & Tessa S.

Next week, 11/13: Greg & Beth B., Mandi D., France K., Nellie VDH

**Today:**

**NO Choir Rehearsal** after this morning’s service!

Potluck after the morning service!

**This Week:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5-7pm: Cadets Pancake Dinner**

**Upcoming Dates to Notes:**

**Tuesday – November 8 at 7:00am**

Men’s Bible Study at Shari’s Restaurant

**Sunday – November 13 at 6:30pm** Women’s Bible Study

**Nov. 13, AM Service:** Baptism of Bailey and Garrett Visser and Communion

**Dec. 2, 7 pm** – Fountainview Choir Concert

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Save the date!** Back by popular demand! Hear the acclaimed NOËL ensemble in concert and celebrate the wonder of a medieval Christmas with Celtic and classical harps, flute, strings, and poetry. A freewill offering benefits New Earth Recovery. Warm yourself with

song and story, support men and women in recovery, and prepare your heart for the season!

**Tuesday December 6, 2022 @ 7:00 pm Bethany Covenant Church  
1318 S. 18th Street Mount Vernon, WA 98274**

**CRC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Be Curious** - Check out the kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Do you like to ask "why"? Do you try to figure out how things work? If you have a curious mind, give thanks to God for that gift. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content.

**Groundwork: God's Presence with His People** - God delights to dwell with his people, but he is holy and his presence cannot remain with unholy people. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel chapters 10, 11, and 36 to witness the painful consequences of Israel's unholy ways and hear the hope God offers even in the midst of those consequences. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Human Resources Manager - World Renew, US** - World Renew is hiring a Human Resources Manager for our US office. For the details on this position and application instructions, please visit our website: <https://worldrenew.net/careers>

**Chaplaincy Sunday is November 20** - The CRCNA encourages churches to celebrate Chaplaincy Sunday on November 20. Find out more about these dedicated front line workers who work outside of the walls of your church and the ministry that supports them. Search the website: [crcna.org/Chaplaincy](http://crcna.org/Chaplaincy)



People to be remembered with prayers, cards, letters & words of encouragement. Email the office at [secretary@firstcrmv.com](mailto:secretary@firstcrmv.com) or call the church office at (336-2405) by 9:00 am Thursday of each week with your prayer items.

### **NEW REQUESTS:**

Please pray for **Terry's mom, Jeanne Beezhold**, as she has been recently diagnosed with a form of lung cancer. Remember her especially on Wednesdays when she has her chemotherapy treatments at the Skagit Regional Health Cancer Care Center in Mount Vernon.

### **CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

Please keep **Hank and Anjean Vander Veen** in your prayers. They have made the move from their home to The Bridge Senior Living and Care Community (Room #105) in Mount Vernon. Significant life transitions are never easy, but Hank and Anjean do sense the Lord's leading in this move. Please pray that all goes well in the days and weeks ahead. See Bulletin Announcements for full new address.

Thank you for your prayers for **Kera Boon** since her car accident last Sunday morning. Please pray for her mind to heal and for healing for the man who hit her with his bike.

Thank you for your continued prayers for my brother **Kevin Wigboldy**. He recently celebrated 100 days since his bone marrow transplant. He refers to it as "new life" which is so true as he has a refreshed purpose and hope!

Please continue to pray for **Michael Hendricks**. Please pray that God will continue with the healing by way of the therapies.

Continue to pray for **Shirley Boonstra, Maxine Greidanus** and **Adelaida Vega** as they continue to fight their cancer.

**SHUT INS:** **Nell Annema and Marion Ekkelkamp** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; **Marcella DeVries** at Bethany Lutheran in Everett, **Marjean DeGroot** at Mountain Glen in Mount Vernon;

**Mary Koopmans** at Where the Heart is in Burlington; **Hans & Aileen Meishke** at Kenmore Living in Kenmore, WA, **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 October 31 - Communications: Reformation Day**

On this date in 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany, starting the tide of change in Christian thought and teaching that we call the Reformation. Ask the Holy Spirit today to bring light, truth, and love into our discussions and interactions within the family of God and with all people.

**Tuesday November 1 - Resonate Global Mission: Michigan**

Pray for a new cohort of young adults who recently began serving with Cohort Detroit. "I am eager to grow my faith and love for God in this cohort and to build fellowship among everyone who is apart," said one participant.

**Wednesday November 2 - World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)**

In late September, Fiona became the strongest hurricane to make landfall in eastern Canada after leaving widespread damage in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Soon afterward, Hurricane Ian destroyed parts of Cuba and the southern United States from Florida to the Carolinas. World Renew DRS is busy assessing how best to share Christ's hope with people most severely affected by these storms. Please pray for the recovery of all the affected communities.

**Thursday November 3 - ReFrame Ministries: Tanzania**

Pray for Hussein, a Today devotions reader in Tanzania who recently shared a request with our prayer ministry team: "I was a Muslim and became a believer in Christ. Because of persecution, I have run away to South Africa, but it seems I have taken a very bad step coming here, and things have become hard for me. Pray that I can find a safe group of Christians to live with and to help me grow in faith."

**Friday November 4 - *Pastor Church Resources: Togetherness***

In some ways congregations are like families. There are good times, not so good times, laughter, tears, and, on occasion, significant strife. Pray for our consultants who work with churches experiencing challenging situations.

**Saturday November 5 - *Resonate: South Korea***

Resonate missionaries Joshua and Emily are ministering among Chinese immigrants in South Korea. "One of our goals will be to reach out to the Chinese immigrants living here and not only seek to bring them into the church but also care for their lives and help provide for their needs," they said. Please pray for this ministry.

**Sunday November 6 - *World Renew: World Hunger Sunday***

This year, conflict, drought, and the effects of COVID-19 have intensified the global food crisis. World Renew has plans, systems, partners, and people in place to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. This World Hunger Sunday, as we lift our prayers to the Great Provider who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine, we ask God to nourish, protect, and bring hope to the hungry.