

***Welcome to Mount Vernon
First Christian Reformed Church!
Pastor John Knoester
Nov. 20, 2022— Morning Service – 10:30 AM***

* Please stand in body or in spirit

“The grace of God has reached for me”

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #6 v. 1-3

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah”

1. Praise the LORD, sing hallelujah,
from the heavens praise his name;
praise the LORD, our great Creator;
all his angels, praise proclaim.
All his hosts, together praise him,
sun and moon and stars on high;
praise the LORD, O heavens of heavens,
and the floods above the sky.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, sing hallelujah,
for his name alone is high,
and his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted,
and his glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.

2. Let them praise the LORD their Maker:
they were made at his command.
God established them forever;
his decree shall ever stand.
Let the earth sing hallelujah:
raging seas, you monsters all,
fire and hail and snow and vapors,
stormy winds that hear his call.

Refrain

3. All you fruitful trees and cedars,
every hill and mountain high,
creeping things and beasts and cattle,
birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth and all you people,
princes great, earth's judges all;
praise his name, young men and maidens,
aged men, and children small.

Refrain

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- * God's Greeting
- * We Greet Each Other

"And pulled me from the raging sea"

Announcements

Call to Confession (Based on Zephaniah 3:17)

Sung Prayer of Confession: LUYH #611 *"Mighty to Save"*

1. Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior,
the hope of nations.

Chorus

*Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.*

2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures;
fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in.
Now I surrender.

Chorus

*Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Bridge

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus!
Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Chorus

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Words of Assurance: Isaiah 12:2

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense^[a];
he has become my salvation."

* Song of Thanksgiving: *"The Lord is My Salvation" v. 1-5*

1. The grace of God has reached for me,
and pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground:
The Lord is my salvation.
2. I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:
The Lord is my salvation.

Refrain

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won;
The Lord is my salvation.*

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
The Lord is my salvation.

4. In times of waiting times of need,
When I know loss when I am weak.
I know His grace will renew these days:
The Lord is my salvation.

Refrain

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won;
The Lord is my salvation.*

5. And when I reach the final day,
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, Christ will call me home:
The Lord is my salvation.

Refrain

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won;
The Lord is my salvation.*

Bridge x2

Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,
Glory be to God, the Spirit; the Lord is our salvation.

Ending

The Lord is our salvation, the Lord is our salvation.

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Offering: General Fund

Offertory Video: The Book of Habakkuk

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

Children's Message – Mrs. Marjo Rouw

* Song of Preparation: *"Open our Eyes Lord"* v. 1-2

1. Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

2. Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.

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

"And I am safe on this solid ground"

Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 3:3-19

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *"Joy in the God of Salvation"*

Time of Prayer

Song of Reflection: *"Hold Me Jesus"* – Rich Mullins

"The Lord is my salvation!"

* We Confess Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27-28

Leader: Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

**People: A. The almighty and ever present power of God
by which God upholds, as with his hand,
heaven and earth and all creatures,
and so rules them that leaf and blade,
rain and drought, fruitful and lean years,
food and drink, health and sickness,
prosperity and poverty—
all things, in fact, come to us not by chance
but by his fatherly hand.**

Leader: Q. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

**People: A. We can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well,
and for the future we can have
good confidence in our faithful God and Father
that nothing in creation will separate us
from his love.
For all creatures are so completely in God's hand
that without his will they can neither move
nor be moved.**

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #348 v. 1-3

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #965

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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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.

Tech Team	Today 11/20	Thanksgiving Eve 11/23	Next Week 11/27
Sound:	Henry H.	Tim H.	Henry VZ
Projection:	Hannah VH	Beth B.	Tim H.
Video	Dick G.	Dick G.	Brandon S.
Offering:	General Fund	Friendship House, et al.	General Fund

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

November 20, 2022

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Future Angel Tree Co-coordinators

Needed! Every year we have the opportunity to provide approximately Christmas gifts to approximately 25-35 children in the valley whose parent is currently incarcerated. This ministry could not have happened without the leadership of Sylvia Van Zanten who has been the coordinator of it for many years. Sylvia has graciously agreed to help coordinate this ministry one more year, but she would like to have 1-2 other individuals to take the reins next year. If interested, please contact the church office, or Sylvia directly.



*It is getting to be time for **Angel Tree** again. Last year we ran out of names and since some of you missed out on the opportunity to buy a gift it was decided to have more names available. **Angel Tree** is a program of Prison Fellowship that serves incarcerated parents by providing a pathway for strengthening and restoring their relationships with their children and families. As a church, this gives us the opportunity to share Christ's love by purchasing a Christmas gift for each child which is given on the parent's behalf. Each child receives a gift valued at around \$25.00. On November 27 following the service, Angel Tree tags with the child's name, age and suggested gift ideas will be available for you to pick up. Any questions? Call Sylvia Van Zanten at 360-386-7442.*

Christmas Blessing Project! It's back!!! This year's neighborhood blessing project is going to be a "Christmas Brownie Mix." A Christmas greeting, recipe, and a brief invitation to our Christmas services will be attached to the jar. The goal is to



assemble and deliver 200 jars to our neighbors on **Saturday, December 10**. Assembly will begin at **9 AM** with delivery to the neighborhood to take place immediately after. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend some time serving together and if last year was any indication - it's a lot of fun! ... In the meantime, the following (see below) are some of the ingredients needed for this year's project. Please take the time to sign up accordingly on the lists in the Fellowship Hall and bring the ingredients to church no later than Sunday, Dec. 4. Thank you!

Ingredients Needed:

Flour: 4 - 10lb bags

Brown Sugar: 56lbs of brown sugar = 19 - 2 lb bags

Sugar: 12 - 5 lb bags

Salt: 2 26oz containers

Baking soda: 2 1/2 boxes

Cocoa: 27 - 8oz containers

Milk chocolate chips: 24 12oz bags

Semi-sweet chocolate chips: 20 - 12oz bags

Join us at the First Christian Reformed Church as we celebrate the birth of Christ through music! Fountainview Academy Orchestra and Singers from Lillooet, BC, will be sharing a live concert at 7:00 PM on December 2nd HERE at First CRC. You won't want to miss this enchanting evening of modern Christmas hymns and classic carols! Admission is free, and the Orchestra and Choir can't wait to see you!

Rich Cuperus has a new cell phone number. Please put **564-900-0048** into your directories in place of the old one.

Worship Service YouTube Links:

November 13: https://youtu.be/92_Jd59GqNQ

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

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**”.

PLEASE CLAIM ME!!

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! Last week an **EARRING** was found as well and is on the same lost and found pile.

CALENDAR:

Greeters: Keith & Jean Rasmussen

Thanksgiving Eve: Rienie and Jill Rouw

Next Week, 11/27: Mardick & Jill Stevens

Coffee Hosts: John & Judy Velasquez

Thanksgiving Eve: Mardick & Jill Stevens

Next week, 11/27: Melba DeKok

Worship Team: Eliot B., Heidi B., Kayla VH, Ella VH

Thanksgiving: Henry & Pam VZ, Sylvia VZ

Next Week, 11/27: Kevin & Glenda K., France K., Nellie VDH

Today:

Choir Practice following the service

This Week:

Thanksgiving Eve Service: 7pm

Upcoming Dates to Notes:

Tuesday – November 29 at 7:00am

Men’s Bible Study at Shari’s Restaurant

Dec. 2, 7 pm – Fountainview Choir Concert

Dec. 18, 6:30pm - CandleLight Service

Christmas Day, 10:00am – Sunday Service

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! See the bulletin boards for a poster with additional information.

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

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

At-home Faith Formation Tip - In Liturgy of the Ordinary (IVP 2016), Tish Warren writes, "In my daily life I've developed habits of impatience—of speeding ahead, of trying to squeeze more into my cluttered day. How can I live as one who watches and waits for the coming kingdom when I can barely wait for water to boil?" As the Advent season draws near, how might you more fully embrace the discipline of waiting in your everyday home life? (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

Generous in All Things - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Thank God for all the ways he's been generous. How can you show generosity? It's not about how much you have, but what you do with what you have. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

"Prepare the Way" - Free Advent Devotion - Prepare the Way is an email devotional series put together by World Renew, Resonate, and CRCNA Social Justice that features reflections from people with CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2022. Sign up to receive the email devotions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in Advent at crcna.org/advent.

Help Open Doors to Blessings for Vulnerable Families this Thanksgiving - Next week we celebrate Thanksgiving, and one way to give thanks for God's blessings is to care for vulnerable people worldwide. Through World Renew's Free A Family® program in Honduras, Merlyn benefitted from training in climate-smart

agriculture, small business management, and more. Through our gifts and offerings to World Renew on Thanksgiving Day, we can bless more families like Merlyn's. Find out more at worldrenew.net/free-a-family

Join World Renew in Giving Thanks with Today's Offering - Happy Thanksgiving! Through World Renew's Free A Family® program, Sandress and Loyce in Zambia joined a savings group that has blessed their family immensely. Sandress says, "We used to eat just one meal a day, but now we have three balanced meals every day." Thanks be to God! Please give generously to Free A Family today to help families in communities where World Renew works around the world to eat better, stay healthier, and overcome poverty. To become a monthly donor, call 1-800-552-7972, or sign up online at worldrenew.net/free-a-family. Thank you!

Safe Church 2022 Webinar Series: Safe Church Basics - Webinar 5: Responding to Abuse with Compassion and Justice - This webinar will feature Rev. Amanda Benckhuysen and Rev. Eric Kas as they walk through the basics of responding to an abuse allegation. This fifth step will premiere November 30th at 12 pm ET as a pre-recorded video resource on our YouTube Channel: [Youtube.com/SafeChurchMinistry](https://www.youtube.com/SafeChurchMinistry). We will also be hosting a watch party with many Safe Church Coordinators of Classes - all are invited as well to share via chat, ask questions, and connect briefly together at 1 pm ET (10am PT). You may register for this Collective Zoom Watch Meeting here: <https://bit.ly/SCwebinar5>

Today is Chaplaincy Sunday - Churches throughout the CRCNA are taking time to pray for and encourage the frontline work of chaplains today. The Chaplaincy and Care Ministry endorses, trains, advocates and provides care for these specialized ministers and pastors as they serve in institutional settings. Support this essential and exciting ministry by giving at: crcna.org/Chaplaincy/Donate



How can
we
PRAY
for you?

People to be remembered with prayers,
cards, letters & words of encouragement.

Email the office at secretary@firstcrmv.com
or call the church office at (336-2405) by 9:00
am Thursday of each week with your prayer
items.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please keep **Shirley Boonstra** in your prayers. She is still wrestling with significant anxiety, but also greatly missing her church family and friends. She loves to receive phone calls (360-421-7319) and even better - 'in-person' visits. If she's not visiting family out of the area - she hopes to be with us at our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Please pray that she can join us for worship on that night. Offers to chauffeur her are pastorally encouraged!

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.

Please keep **Hank and Anjean Vander Veen** in your prayers as they get settled into The Bridge and adjust to new surroundings.

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!

Continue to pray for **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 November 14 - *Resonate: Mexico*

James and Barbarita Lee, Resonate missionaries serving in Mexico, ask for prayers for Ailed, a student who decided to lead a Bible study on her university campus. Pray for courage as she shares the gospel, and ask the Holy Spirit to draw students into this Bible study.

Tuesday November 15 - *Safe Church: Awareness and care*

November is Family Violence Awareness month in Canada. During the pandemic, people affected by family violence experienced increased isolation and limited access to resources that could provide help. Please pray for victims who feel caught in cycles of violence and are struggling to discern how to go forward. Pray also for organizations that come alongside these people to provide support, assistance, and education.

Wednesday November 16 - *Diaconal Ministries Canada: Equipping*

Please pray for deacons as they lead and equip their congregations in community engagement and development, service and justice, benevolence/mercy and stewardship. May God grant them abundant wisdom (James 1:5), love for God and others (Matthew 22:37-39), and faith that God is able to work in them and through them (Hebrews 11:6, Phil. 2:13).

Thursday November 17 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Diversity*

About 40 percent of our students come from 23 countries outside North America. Over 30 percent of our students are women. It is a blessing to hear diverse stories of the church and of calling as we learn together. Give thanks and pray with us for the beautiful diversity of this community.

Friday November 18 - *Resonate: Middle East*

Resonate missionaries serving in the Middle East ask for prayers for people living in poverty. "The gap between the rich and the poor grows," say these missionaries. Pray that the church can help to meet immediate needs. Ask God for creativity and strategy in addressing cycles of poverty.

Saturday November 19 - *Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee: Unity and peace*

Help us, Father God, to follow your call to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Help us to remember that “there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:3-6).

Sunday November 20 - *Chaplaincy and Care: Chaplain Sunday*

Please be thinking today of chaplains who dedicate their lives to being with others in times of crisis—in the hospital, nursing home, military, corrections, and the workplace. Pray that these chaplains may have the “peace that passes understanding” in order to be the presence of Christ for others.