

***Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!***  
**February 12, 2023—Cadet Sunday**  
**10:30 A.M. Worship Service**  
***Pastor John Knoester***

\* **Please Stand in Body or Spirit**

*“Living for Jesus a life that is true”*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 150:1-2,6

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise! Praise God in the temple,  
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!

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\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet Each Other

\* Opening Hymn of Praise: 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*

Words and Music: Charles H. Gabriel; P.D. CCLI# 678905

## *"Striving to please Him in all that I do"*

Cadet Ministry Video

Cadet Report – Cadet Counselor

Cadet Sunday Litany:

**Leader:** This year's one-word Cadet theme is "Amazing".  
And this litany, based on verses from Psalm 8  
and Psalm 24, acknowledge what an amazing God  
we have.

**Cadets:** *"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name  
in all the earth!"*

**People:** **"You have set your glory in the heavens"**

**Leader:** "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

**Cadets:** *"The world and all who live in it"*

**People:** **"For he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters."**

**Leader:** "When I consider the heavens,  
the work of your fingers,"

**Cadets:** *"the moon and the stars, which you have set  
in place."*

**People:** **"What is mankind that you are mindful of them?"**

**Leader:** "Human beings that you care for them."

**Cadets:** *"Who may ascend to the mountain of the Lord?"*

**People:** **"Who may stand in his holy place?"**

**Leader:** "Who is this King of Glory?"

**Cadets:** *"The Lord strong and mighty."*

**People:** **"The Lord mighty in battle."**

**Leader:** "Who is this King of Glory"

**Cadets:** *"The Lord Almighty – He is the King of Glory."*

**People:** “Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name  
in all the earth!”

**Leader:** “In Joshua 3:5, Joshua told the Israelites  
to consecrate themselves, for tomorrow the Lord  
will do amazing things among you.”

**All:** “We praise you Lord, for you are an amazing God  
and you continue to do amazing things among us.”

\* Hymn of Response and Preparation: PH #292 v. 1-3

*“Living for Jesus”*

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
striving to please Him in all that I do;  
yielding allegiance, glad hearted and free,  
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

*Refrain*

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to You,  
for You, in Your atonement, didst give Yourself for me.  
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Your throne;  
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for You alone.*

2. Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace:  
such love constrains me to answer His call,  
follow His leading and give him my all.

*Refrain*

3. Living for Jesus wherever I am,  
doing each duty in His holy name,  
seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,  
bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

*Refrain*

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*(During the singing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse the children are dismissed  
for Children’s Worship)*

Offering: 1st—General Fund; 2nd—Cadets

Offertory

\* Song of Preparation: LUYH #755 v. 1-3 *“Speak, O Lord”*

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
to receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all Your purposes, for Your glory.
2. Teach us Lord full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down through eternity,  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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*“Yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free”*

Scripture Readings: Joshua 3:1-4:9

Sermon Text: Joshua 3:5

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***“Consecrating Ourselves to our Amazing God”***

Time of Prayer

\* Song of Response: "Oh Lord, My Rock & My Redeemer"

1. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God, like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need
  
2. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night
  
3. O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose, the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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*"This is the pathway of blessing for me"*

\* God's Blessing

\* Closing Song: LUYH #965

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

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.

*Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, P.D.; Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551, P.D. CCLI #678905*

\* Postlude

**Welcome!** The psalmist wrote: “I will exalt you, my God and King. I will praise your name forever and ever” (Psalm 145:1). With a similar attitude, let us praise God joyfully. 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 2/12	Next Week: 2/19
Sound:	Henry VZ	Mardick S,
Projection:	Hannah VH	Tim H.
Video:	Brandon S.	Dick G.
Offering:	1st: General Fund 2nd: Cadets	General Fund

# First CRC

## Bulletin Announcements

### February 12, 2023

#### OUR CHURCH FAMILY:



**Save the Date! ... Willing Volunteers Needed!** The Fellowship Committee would like to revive our popular "Taste of ..." fellowship night! In years past we have celebrated a "Taste of Italy" and a "Taste of Asia" evening together. More recently it's been a "Taste of Nothing" due to the pandemic. This year we would like to celebrate a "**Taste of Latin America**" night and are currently targeting **Friday, May 19** as the day to celebrate. However, in order to pull it off, the fellowship committee needs some additional help. **We are looking for willing volunteers** to help with table decorations, evening entertainment, procuring prizes for our meal winners, and set-up/clean-up on the night of the 19th. The commitment would involve attending 1 or 2 planning meetings and then obviously whatever assignments are made. .... If interested helping plan this fun night together - please contact Beth Boon no later than Valentines Day (Feb. 14). Thank you!

**There is no Sunday School on Feb. 19** because of the holiday on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the Date!** Brad Diekema, our Ministry Associate candidate, will be with us here in Mount Vernon the weekend of Feb. 24-27. Currently the tentative plans are to do a potluck style 'meet and greet' event on the evening of **Saturday, Feb. 25** (more details to come). Pastor Brad will preach for us on Sunday morning and then briefly meet with the council on Monday night. If all goes well, the next step in the process would be to meet again as a congregation in the ensuing weeks for the purpose of voting on a call. Please continue to keep Brad and the entire process in your prayers in the weeks to come.



*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)*

## **ATTENTION WOMEN OF ALL AGES: A NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS STARTING SOON!**

We will be exploring together the book of Isaiah in this 7-week Bible study and video series by Melissa Spoelstra entitled "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting God More".

"As you study the chapters Isaiah wrote—from his challenging words to the nation of Israel to his prophecies of the Messiah to come—learn to rest in God's promises and grow in trust. Unpacking Isaiah's words will reveal that you can trust God more than your own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests. You won't be striving harder, but instead trusting more deeply the Faithful One who is so worthy of our utter dependence. In Him you'll find the comfort and peace you need to sustain you."

We will meet the second and fourth Sundays at 6:30pm, starting February 26. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. We would love to have you join us!

**Worship Service YouTube Links:** February 5: <https://youtu.be/YNh2DeUf8is>

**PLEASE HAVE ANY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS OR PRAYER GUIDE ITEMS TO BETH BY 9AM THURSDAY MORNINGS TO GET THEM INCLUDED IN THE PAPER AND EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS. THANK YOU!**

### **CALENDAR:**

**Greeters/Coffee Hosts for this week:** Eliot & Sue B., Kevin & Glenda K.

**Greeters/Coffee Hosts for next week:** Terri & Joni B., Darrel & Sunee L.

### **Children in Worship:**

Today - Alyssa A., Kayla VH

Next Week 2/19: Heidi B. & Natalie Z.

### **Worship Team:**

Today: Stan B., Julie S, Adriana & Tessa S.

Next week 2/19: Kevin & Glenda K., France & Nellie

### **This week:**

**Feb. 14: 7:00 am Men's Bible Study at Shari's Restaurant**

Feb. 15, 6:30pm: GEMS

**Upcoming Dates to Note:**

**Feb. 19: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Feb. 25:** Potluck to meet Brad Diekema

**Feb. 26:** Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm

**Apr. 21:** Friday: "Movie Night" in the Fellowship Hall

**July 29: Saturday:** Neighborhood "Block Party"



**Just a friendly reminder:**

**If you are on the schedule for a task on Sunday, please look ahead a week or so and try to find your own replacement before contacting the office last minute. When you find your replacement, just let Beth know so she can do a switcheroo on the schedule. If you ABSOLUTELY cannot find a replacement, then call Beth. Thank you very much!**

**ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:**

Mid-America Reformed Seminary is excited to announce that their 2023 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference will take place on **October 6-7, 2023**. This conference is an opportunity for individuals, churches, and organizations to come together and learn about the theme of ***Beyond the Walls: Faithful Mission in an Age of Adversity***.

This year's conference will feature keynote speakers and panel discussions on various topics related to this particular focus on missions and evangelism. We have a fantastic lineup of speakers sharing their insights and experiences and are confident that this conference will be an incredible opportunity for growth and inspiration.

**CRC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Biblical Study Tour to Italy** (May 22 - June 2, 2023): Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Assisi (home of St. Francis); Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu) or [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110).

At-Home Family Faith Formation Tip - Rain For Roots is a collective of songwriters that includes Sandra McCracken, Katy Bowser, Ellie Holcomb, and Flo Paris. They came together around a single vision: to make new Scripture songs for children, centered around the poetry of Sally Lloyd-Jones (author of The Jesus Storybook Bible). Inspired by traditional folk melodies, Rain for Roots makes new, timeless songs about the old gospel Story. Check them out at [RainforRoots.com](http://RainforRoots.com). (Tip from Faith Formation; [bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation](http://bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation))

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

**CONTINUING REQUESTS:**

Please continue to pray for quick healing for **Margaret Vander Pol!**

**Trudy Van Dyke** has moved to Where the Heart Is. Her new address is:  
Where the Heart Is  
410 Norris St., #114  
Burlington, WA 98233

**Marilyn Cooke** is scheduled for an MRI of her foot on Feb. 24, and then her doctor hopes to know how to treat it best for the pain she is having. She is so thankful for all of the prayers from our congregation.

Continue to pray for **Adelaida Vega, Maxine Greidanus and Shirley Boonstra** 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; **Trudy Van Dyke** at *Where the Heart Is*. **Hank & Anjean VanderVeen** at *The Bridge in Mount Vernon*; **Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** at family in Grandview, WA.

**OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)**

Monday February 6 - *Resonate: Colorado*

Give thanks for G'awna, who found hope after connecting with Jesus on Colfax, a Resonate partner ministry in Colorado. G'awna is now giving back and serving with Jesus on Colfax. Please pray for her and her children as she continues to use her gifts in ministry.

Tuesday February 7 - *Raise Up: TLT: Training*

Over the past several months, Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) coordinators and their spouses in seven French-speaking countries in Africa held three-day retreats for spiritual refreshment, planning, and fellowship. Thank God for the healing and strengthening of family relationships during the retreats, and pray for renewed passion and abundant resources to carry out church leadership training in the coming days.

Wednesday February 8 - *ReFrame: Egypt*

ReFrame's partners in Egypt recently selected Rev. Youssef Adel Hanna to lead our Arabic media ministry. "Please thank God with us," said Kurt Selles, ReFrame director, "and pray for Rev. Youssef and all who are involved as we move forward in proclaiming the good news in Arabic."

Thursday February 9 - *World Renew: Sustainability*

Have you heard of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals? These 17 objectives "recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth—all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests." Your gifts to the World Renew Gift Catalog this year helped us to address some of these goals. Visit [sdgs.un.org](http://sdgs.un.org) and pray for the completion of these goals.

Friday February 10 - *Resonate: Ukraine*

Please continue to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. “Pray that Russia will return to the path of peace,” ask Resonate missionaries Steve and Chris Van Zanen, who serve at LCC International University in Lithuania. They minister with many students from Russia and Ukraine.

Saturday February 11 - *Chaplaincy and Care: Training*

Several of our chaplains serve as or are training to become certified supervisor-educators. Please pray for wisdom and energy as they seek to provide spiritual care to patients and as they arrange for, teach, and supervise the training of many other chaplains and psychospiritual therapists.

Sunday February 12 - *Disability Concerns: Belonging*

Many people with disabilities and their church disability advocates are weary. Too often, when they ask for an accommodation or make a suggestion, they are dismissed or told that it isn't a priority for the church. Pray that church leaders will be receptive, learn, and act so that people with disabilities will experience belonging in churches.