

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
Guest Pastor Naji Umran
October 29, 2023

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*** Please stand if you are able.**

*"You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;"*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**People: Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.

**People: Their voice goes out into all the earth,
Their words to the ends of the world.**

- Psalm 19:1-4

*** Opening Songs of Praise:**

◆ LUYH #775 v. 1-3 *"Across the Lands"*
You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice.

Refrain

*You're the author of creation,
you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

2. Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered,
that the guilty may go free.

Refrain

3. With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

Refrain

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◆ *“By Faith” (Gettys) v. 1-5*

1. By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design,
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
of a holy city built by God's own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.

4. By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Chorus

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

*"Every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand."*

Announcements

Call to Confession:

When we come into the holy presence of God,
our own humanity is laid bare.
When we stand in the living presence of truth,
our own falsehood is revealed.
People of God, let us acknowledge who we are
and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: —based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

* Hymn of Assurance: LUYH #251 v. 1-4

"The Church's One Foundation"

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping
Their cry goes up how long
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song
4. 'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest

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Offering

Offertory

*(Immediately following the offering the children are invited forward
for the Children's Message)*

Children's Message – Mrs. Marjo Rouw

*(Following the Children's Message children ages 3-3rd grade
are invited to attend Children and Worship)*

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #746 v. 1-3

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

1. Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see;
give me passion for your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
2. Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
3. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

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"All creation holds together
by the power of your voice."

Scripture Reading: Psalm 57

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "**Awake, My Glory**"

Time of Prayer

"Let the skies declare your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice."

* Song of Application: "*Be Exalted, O God*"

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples:

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.

For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens:

And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

*"Be Exalted" Psalm 57:9-11; Psalm 97:9, Brent Chambers, ©1977 Scripture In Song.
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* Benediction

* Doxology: LUYH #302 v. 1-2 "*Hear our Praises*"

1. May our homes be filled with dancing,
may our streets be filled with joy.

May injustice bow to Jesus
as the people turn and pray.

Refrain

*From the mountain to the valley,
hear our praises rise to you.*

*From the heavens to the nations,
hear our singing fill the air.*

3. May your light shine in the darkness
as we walk before the cross.
May your glory fill the whole earth
as the water over the seas.

Refrain x2

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Postlude

Welcome! Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy." Those are the words of the psalmist in Psalm 5:11. Whoever you are, wherever you are from, we welcome you and we invite you to "be glad" with us about God's goodness and mercy. Let us "ever sing for joy" and praise God with profoundly grateful hearts. 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: 10/29	Next Week: 11/5
Sound:	Mardick S.	Tim H.
Projection:	Maddie D.	France B,
Video:	Tim H.	Brandon S.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

October 29, 2023

The deadline for announcements is Thursday, 9AM.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Choir: Join us for choir after today's service! There will be no choir practice on the 5th!

If you signed up to volunteer for the Nursery OR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, please check your mailbox for the new schedule that goes through January.

Marcella DeVries has moved into hospice care and has a new address:

Bethany at Silver Lake
2235 Lake Heights Dr.
Everett, WA 98208

On Sunday, November 5, we welcome Pastor Dan Kroeze to the pulpit. Dan is a Professor of Biblical Studies at Kuyper College. He is the Teaching and Preaching Pastor at Westend Christian Reformed Church. Pastor Dan's passion is to equip and encourage people of all ages to learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and to engage God's world with the gospel's good news.

There will be a potluck Sunday the 5th following the service to celebrate Pastor Brad's Ordination.

Thomas Leclair's address was left out of the new directory. During the school year his address is:

705. SW Miles St.,
Pullman, WA 99163.

The rest of the year he receives mail at:
14410 Beaver Lake Rd.,
MV 98273.

Also for some reason Simon LeClair's picture took a hiatus this year. (Sorry, Simon! There is not a conspiracy against the LeClairs!)

Every summer we enjoy the beautiful flowerbeds along the front and sides of our church which Clarence and Eleanor Klunder so lovingly plant and care for. We heartily thank them for their many years of providing this loveliness for us. Now they would like to pass on this task to someone else who loves flowers and wants to add beauty to our church. Anyone desiring to do this task starting next spring, please contact Dave Visser or a member of the building committee.

There is a sign-up sheet for ingredients for our Christmas Blessing. We are planning to put together 350 cookie mixes to distribute to our neighbors. ***Please have your ingredients at church by Friday, Dec. 1. December 2*** is the date set to put the jars together and distribute them. There is a sign-up sheet next to the ingredients list. We're still in need of **18** – 10 pound bags of flour, **16** – 10 pound bags of sugar, and **2** – 26 oz. cans of Morton's salt.

Worship Service YouTube Links:

October 22: *N/A this week, audio only*

First CRC offers the option to give *your offerings online, 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

Dear Friends,

The main purpose of John's letters to the early church is to lead those who already believe to a deeper understanding of faith and to greater assurance of salvation. In addition, John is also writing to combat the various false teachers and teachings that had infiltrated the church.

No doubt John's letters to the early church is just as relevant and applicable for the church today. Therefore, in the months to come, we are going to spend some significant time studying this particular book of the Bible. The purpose of doing so is not only for deeper understanding of faith and greater assurance, but so that such faith will be evident through both obedience to God's commands and greater love for one another. ... May God bless us as we engage in this important study

together.

In His Grace, Pastor John and Pastor Brad

Tentative Sermon Schedule (Texts & Titles to be added as we go):

1. October 8 (I John 1:1-4) – *“Introduction to I John and The Word of Life”*
2. October 15 (I John 1:5-2:2) – *“Walking in the Light”*
3. October 22 (I John 2:3-11) – *“A Profound Obedience”*
4. November 12 (I John 2:12-14) – *“Christian Assurance”*
5. Nov. 19 (I John 2:15-17) – *“Loving the World”*

Calendar:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts today: Spencer & Janelle D., Melba DK

Greeters/Coffee Hosts next week, Nov. 5: Harm & Sue DJ, Karen S., Jeannette F.

Worship Team:

Today: Henry & Pam VZ, Sylvia VZ, Nellie VDH, Emmalyn S.

Next Week, Nov. 5: Stan B., Julie, Adriana & Tess S.

Nursery:

Nov. 5: Catherine & Noah VK

Nov. 12: Elly VB & Emmalyn S.

Children in Worship:

Today: Sheri L., Toby VDB

Next Week: Angela S., Lexi VDP

Today:

Sun., Oct 29, 6:30pm: Women’s Bible Study

Choir practice after the service

This Week:

Tues., Oct. 31, 7:00am – Men’s Bible Study at Shari’s

Wed., Nov. 1 6:30-8:30: GEMS

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Sun, Nov. 5: POTLUCK!!

Weds., Nov. 8, 5-7pm: Cadets Pancake Dinner/Fundraiser

Sun, Nov. 12, 6:30pm: Women’s Bible Study

Tues, Nov. 14, 7:00am – Men’s Bible Study at Shari’s

Sat., Dec. 2, 9:00am: Christmas Blessing Assembly and Distribution

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

Hunger for a World Where Hunger Does Not Exist! - No child should know the pain of hunger. Together, we hunger for a world where hunger does not exist! Next week is World Hunger Sunday and through our gifts, we can help World Renew equip communities with the knowledge and resources they need to change the story of hunger. To learn more, visit www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger

Kids Corner: Learning Like Us - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus was twelve once too. When he grew up, people knew him as a carpenter, skills he probably learned from his father, Joseph. This week is all about the ability to learn and having strength and courage to try new things and grow. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast “The Boy Jesus At the Temple.”

Groundwork: Our New Life in Christ - Gain a better understanding of the Christian doctrines of justification and sanctification. Join Groundwork as we study Romans 4-7 to remember the good news of salvation, hear what Paul teaches about how we live now because of Jesus Christ, and glean his wisdom for the struggles we sometimes experience while we are in the process of becoming more Christ-like. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - “Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations” (Psalm 100:4-5). How has God been faithful to the generations in your family? Tell those stories to each other. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject



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

NEW REQUESTS:

Jill Klunder's surgery has been rescheduled and will now take place on **November 1**. Please keep her and the surgeons performing her surgery in your prayers.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Yvonne Boon will be staying in Seattle for a few weeks longer than planned to have additional chemotherapy to try to completely rid her body of the remaining bad cells. She will then be able to go home and will continue with chemo in Wenatchee. Please pray that the chemo will do the job!

Please continue to pray for those members who have lost loved ones recently.

Pray for continued healing for **Margaret VanderPol** strives to get her strength back with physical therapy.

Please keep **Juli Oostra** in your prayers for stable platelet levels.

Continue to pray for **Maxine Greidanus** while she continues fighting cancer.

SHUT INS: **Nell Annema and Marion Ekkelkamp** at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; **Shirley Boonstra** at Country Meadow Village 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 Meischke** at Kenmore Living in Kenmore, WA, **Adrianna Swanson**, and **Clarence Vander Griend** at Home Place in Burlington; **Hank & Anjean VanderVeen** at *The Bridge* in Mount Vernon; **Grace Feddema and Sally Reehoorn** at Creekside in Burlington; **Bev Van Slageren** with family in Grandview, WA.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

Tuesday October 24 - *World Renew: World Hunger Awareness*

In October, people around the globe recognize and participate in World Hunger Awareness in honor of the founding of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. Join us in celebrating God's work of renewing the lives of more than 800 million hungry people in the world and in praying that he may transform hunger into hope.

Wednesday October 25 - *ReFrame: India*

After listening to ReFrame programs for many years, a former Hindu priest named Rajan donated his land to help build a new Christian church. Give thanks that about 200 people are now attending this church! Pray that their community may find opportunities to reach other villages in their area with God's story.

Thursday October 26 - *Resonate: Central Asia*

"Pray for continued relationship building and conversations with our neighbors," ask Resonate missionaries serving in central Asia. Ask God to work through these friendships to draw people into a relationship with Christ.

Friday October 27 - *Canadian Indigenous Ministry Committee: Edmonton*

Today is the anniversary of the establishment of the Edmonton Native Healing Centre in 1991. Praise God for the lives changed through this ministry. Ask God to bring wholeness and healing to everyone who enters there.

Saturday October 28 - *World Renew: Effects of poverty*

In communities where poverty is prevalent, people struggle to grow enough food, find clean water, rebuild after a disaster, and deal with injustice. We praise God for the opportunity to come together in Christ and love our neighbors. We thank God for equipping World Renew to foster justice, love, and mercy in collaboration with partners and congregations.

Sunday October 29 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Mental health*

Pray for students, faculty, and staff as they navigate school, family responsibilities, and other commitments during the semester. Pray for

healthy rhythms, asking that when stress levels rise, people will be able to take time with the One who will give them rest (Matt. 11:28).