

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
Guest Pastor Dan Kroeze
November 5, 2023

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

Prelude

"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship:**

Leader: There is one body and one spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope
of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

**People: Each of us was given grace
according to the measure of Christ's gifts.**

Leader: Christ appointed some to be apostles,
some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors,
and teachers.

**People: Christ did this to equip the saints for the work
of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,
and for serving a broken world.**

Leader: And so we come together in oneness of faith
and in certain knowledge of the Son of God.

**People: We come to bring glory to God only,
and to celebrate his gracious gifts to all of us.**

Leader: In this spirit of unity and service, let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #559 “Ten Thousand Reasons”

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

2. You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing—
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing your praise unending—
ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Refrain

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name,
worship your holy name, worship your holy name.*

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* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

“Naught be all else to me, save that thou art”

Call to Confession:

The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.
In the strength of this assurance,
let us confess our sins to God.

—based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

Assurance

Hear the good news!
When you were dead in trespasses
and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made you alive together with Christ,
when he forgave us all our trespasses,
erasing the record that stood against us
with its legal demands.
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.
Know that in Jesus, God embraces you, forgives you,
and strengthens you to live a renewed life.
Thanks be to God. -- Colossians 2:13-14, NSRV

* Song of Response: LUYH #739 "I Surrender All"

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain

*I surrender all, I surrender all;
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

2. All to Jesus I surrender,
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel thy Holy Spirit, truly know
that thou art mine.

Refrain

- 3 All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power,
let thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain

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Children's Message –Marjo Rouw

(Following the Children's Message children ages 3- 3rd grade
are dismissed for Children's Worship)

Offering

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #766 v. 1-2

“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.

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"Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word"

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Introduction of Pastor Dan Kroeze

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "Preach the Word"

Time of Prayer

* Song of Application: LUYH # 859 "Be Thou My Vision"

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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"Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise"

Ordination/ Installation of Pastor Brad

The Announcement

The Introduction

The Instruction

The Questions

Do you believe that in the call of this congregation
God calls you to this holy ministry?

Do you believe that the Old and New Testaments
are the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life?

Do you subscribe to the doctrinal standards of this church,
rejecting all teaching that contradicts them?

Do you promise to be a faithful minister,
to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of your calling,
and to submit to the government and discipline of the church?

Brad, what is your answer?

Answer: I do, God helping me.

Dear congregation of Christ, we ask that you respond
to the following questions with "We do, God helping us."

Do you in the name of the Lord welcome Brad
as your minister and pastor?

Do you promise to take to heart the Word of God
as he proclaims it?

Do you promise to pray for Brad, to share with him
in the work of this ministry, to encourage Brad
in the exercise of his tasks, and to respond to his work
with obedience, love, and respect?

Congregation, what is your answer?

We do, God helping us.

The Charge

The Prayer

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH #956 “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has done!
With his blood he has saved me,
with his power he has raised me—
to God be the glory for the things he has done!

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Postlude

Tech Team	Today: 11/5	Next Week: 11/12
Sound:	Tim H.	Henry H.
Projection:	France B.	Tim H./Joel L.
Video:	Brandon S.	Dick G.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC

Bulletin Announcements

November 5, 2023

The deadline for announcements is Thursday, 9AM.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Choir: No Practice today after the service.

Today 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 is a potluck today following the service to celebrate Pastor Brad's Ordination. Please join us!

Thomas Leclair's address was incorrect last week.

THIS IS THE CORRECT ADDRESS.

During the school year his address is:

705 SW Mies St.,

Pullman, WA 99163.

The rest of the year he receives mail at:

14410 Beaver Lake Rd.,

MV 98273.

And since we do not have a picture of Thomas or Simon in the directory, we will be having a contest to draw the best picture of them, 1.5 inch by 1.5 inch. The winner will have their picture photocopied and cut out to be pasted in everyone's copies. Please have your renditions to Beth by Nov. 15.

Winter Coat Drive: Church on the Avenue, one of our church plants in Seattle, regularly serves a Friday night meal to the homeless in the University District. As winter approaches there is a currently a high need for winter coats. Thus, we would love to collect as many as we can these next two Sundays (Nov. 5 and 12) and bring them down for distribution on **Friday, November 17**. Men's coats are ideal, but women's coats are okay as well. Light jackets, well-worn jackets, hats and gloves are all welcome as long as they are clean.

Please support our Cadets by attending their Pancake Dinner Fundraiser held on Wednesday the 8th from 5 to 7pm. Menu includes pancakes with toppings, sausage patties and a variety of beverages.

Marcella DeVries has moved into hospice care and has a new address:
Bethany at Silver Lake
2235 Lake Heights Dr.
Everett, WA 98208

Worship Service YouTube Links:

Reformation Day Service: <https://youtu.be/2ciMXuuNXsM>

Sunday, 10-29 Service: https://youtu.be/tB_ZNg3nMJw

Movie Night! Our traditional fall movie night has been scheduled for **Friday, November 17 at 7:00 PM**. On that night we will be showing the movie **"I Can Only Imagine"** in the church fellowship hall. Popcorn will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring your own comfortable seating, candy, and favorite soft drink. You are also encouraged to invite your extended family members and friends. We hope to see you there!

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 **12** – 10 pound bags of flour, and **14** – 10 pound bags of sugar.

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

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!

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: Harm & Sue DJ, Karen S., Jeannette F.
Greeters/Coffee Hosts next week, Nov. 12: Terry & Mandi D., Jill R.

Worship Team:

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

Next Week, Nov. 12: Kevin & Glenda K., France B., Nellie VDH

Nursery:

Nov. 5: Catherine & Noah VK

Nov. 12: Elly VB & Emmalyn S.

Children in Worship:

Today: Angela S., Lexi VDP

Next Week: Angela S., Leia V.

Today:

Please join us for a potluck after the service.

This Week:

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

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

Next Sunday:

We will be celebrating the sacrament of communion.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

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

Fri., Nov. 17, 7:00pm: Family Movie Night

Fri., Dec. 1: Please have your Christmas Blessing Ingredients to church by today

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

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:

For the fourth year in a row, **New Earth Recovery will host the Noel Harp Ensemble** in a musical benefit concert. To experience the magic of a Celtic harp Christmas, the public is invited to attend the concert on Friday, December 1 at 7:00 pm. The performance will take place at Bethany Covenant Church, 1318 S. 18th Street, Mount Vernon. Freewill offerings will be held.

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

Let's Answer God's Call to Feed the Hungry - Global conflict and extreme weather are pushing more and more families into crisis. There is an urgency to answer God's call to feed the hungry, now more than ever. Today, World Hunger Sunday, through our gifts and offerings, we can walk alongside World Renew to equip communities with the training and tools they need to achieve food security. To learn more, go to www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger

Kids Corner: Serving Others Every Day - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In John 6:1-14, a boy, whose name we don't even know, offers his little lunch that Jesus then multiplies into a big feast for many! This week's devotion is all about discovering all the ways that God takes great delight in blessing people who are willing to serve him in little ways! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Kids in Action video "Bookmarks for Peace."

Groundwork: The Spirit in Us - The power of the gospel is life changing and the apostle Paul really wants believers to understand that truth. Join Groundwork as we study Paul's teaching in Romans 8 to gain a better understanding of what it means for us to be IN CHRIST, be encouraged that we're not alone in this new life but have the help of the Holy Spirit, and receive the assurance that nothing can separate us from Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



How can
we
PRAY
for you?

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 heart surgery has been deemed a success! Please pray that she has an uneventful, quick recovery period.

Congratulations to **Terry and Joni Beezhold** on the birth of a new grandson, Caleb Shepherd Beezhold, who bounced in at 10 pounds, 2.8 oz!

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please keep **Hank Vander Veen and family** in your prayers as they laid AnJean to rest this past Friday.

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)

Monday October 30 - *Resonate: Michigan*

Iglesias Todas las Naciones, a Resonate partner church plant in Hudsonville, Mich., celebrated five baptisms this summer! Please pray for these baptized believers as they continue to grow in relationship with Christ. One man who was baptized is particularly interested in pastoral care and sharing his faith with others.

Tuesday October 31 - *CRC Communications: Reformation Day*

Today we reflect on Martin Luther's efforts to bring needed change to the church of his day. Together may we ask God to give us grace to be humble enough to follow where he leads, and courageous enough to stand for his truth.

Wednesday November 1 - *ReFrame Ministries: Chinese ministry*
ReFrame's Chinese ministry partners recently launched a new book, *Still Speaking: Faith That Can't Be Locked Down*. Pray that this book, along with other resources from the ministry team, will serve as an important resource for Chinese speakers affected by new laws in China that limit Christian messages.

Thursday November 2 - *Diaconal Ministries Canada: Courage*
As Christians, we often face spiritual battles. Deacons have discovered this when pursuing new ministry in their local communities. Ask our heavenly Father to strengthen the faith of all deacons and grant them his wisdom and discernment as they follow him courageously into their neighborhoods and cities (Eph. 6:12).

Friday November 3 - *Resonate Global Mission: Germany*
Pray for Yaran, a refugee living in Germany. He connected with Resonate missionaries David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn through the language cafe they run at their church. Yaran heard the gospel for the first time and is interested in learning more about Christianity. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to draw Yaran closer to Jesus.

Saturday November 4 - *Calvin Theological Seminary: Diversity*
Our students represent 28 countries, with 40 percent coming from outside North America. Thirty percent of our students are women. It is a blessing to hear diverse stories of the church as we learn together. Rejoice and pray for the beautiful diversity of our seminary community.

Sunday November 5 - *World Renew: World Hunger Sunday*
Over 1 billion people in the world do not have enough to eat. In a world of plenty we often ask why the injustice of hunger exists. But, as people of God, we know that justice will prevail—often through the actions of God's people. On this World Hunger Sunday, may God's people open their hearts to give generously, pray continually, and advocate fearlessly for the world's most vulnerable people.