

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!
March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Pastor John Knoester
10:30 A.M. Worship Service

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

“Take my love; my Lord, I pour”

Prelude

Welcome

* Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #492
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

1. Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise.
Father all glorious,
o’er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword;
scatter thy foes.
Let thine almighty aid
our sure defense be made,
our souls on thee be stayed;
thy wonders show.
3. Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
rule now in every heart,
and ne’er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4. To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Words: anonymous, 1757, alt., P.D.; Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769, P.D.;
CCLI #678905

* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us
to himself through Christ.

**People: We are new creations; the old has gone,
the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**People: Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed,
and renewed!**

- based on John 4:24, II Corinthians 5:17-23

* Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #533 v. 1-2, 4-5 *"I Come with Joy"*

1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ;
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

5. A cloud of loving witnesses
surrounds us while we sing
as all the saints, forgiven, loved,
immortal praises bring.

*"I Come with Joy to Meet the Lord"; Words: Brian Wren, 1970,
rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company; Music: (Land of Rest);
harm. Annabell Morris Buchanan CCLI# 678905*

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

"At thy feet its treasure store."

Announcements

We Celebrate the Profession of Faith of Isaac Dykstra – GH pg. 964

* We Profess our Faith – Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Hymn of Response: *"Cornerstone"*

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Repeat Verse 1

Chorus

*Christ alone cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (2x)

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Offertory Song Video: *“He Leadeth Me” – Sovereign Grace*

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

Children’s Message – Marjo Rouw

*(Following the message children ages 3-3rd grade
are invited to go to Children’s Worship)*

* Song of Preparation: LUYH #863 v. 1,2,4

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874, P.D.; Music: H.A Cesar Malan, 1827, P.D.;
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"Take myself, and I will be"

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50

Prayer of Illumination

Message: ***The Via Dolorosa: "Extravagant Grace"***

Time of Prayer

"Ever, only, all for thee,"

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #863 v. 1,3,5,6

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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* God's Blessing

May the God of love, who shared his love,
strengthen us in our love for others.
May the Son who shared his life grant us grace,
that we might share our life.
And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us
empower us to be only and always for others. Amen.

* Parting Praise: LUYH #351 v. 1-4

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee with thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747, P.D.; Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1831, P.D.

Postlude

| Tech Team | Today: March 10 | Next Week: March 17 |
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| Sound: | Mardy S. | Mardick S. |
| Projection: | Maddie D. | Beth B. |
| Video: | Tim H. | Joel L. |
| Offering: | General Fund | General Fund |

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

March 10, 2024

The deadline for announcements is Thursday., 9:00 A.M.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Public Profession of Faith/New Members /90th Birthday!: Today we have the opportunity to celebrate **Isaac Dykstra's** public profession of faith! In addition, we also have the opportunity to publicly welcome several of our newest members - **Ms. Jillian Hooyer**, whose membership is being transferred from the Trinity United Reformed Church in Visalia, California and also **Jim and Jerri Honeyford**, whose membership is being transferred from Sunnyside CRC in Sunnyside, WA. Finally, we will finish the day by celebrating **Joy Faber's** 90th birthday with cake in the church fellowship hall! Looking forward to celebrating all of these testimonies of God's faithfulness and grace together!

Dear Friends,

The Memorial Service for **Maxine Greidanus** will be held tomorrow, March 11 at 1 PM at the First Christian Reformed Church. Please continue to keep Larry and the entire Greidanus family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come. In His Grace, - Pastor John

Would you like to purchase an Easter Lily or Bible in memory of a loved one? They will be placed at the front of the church on Easter Sunday and your loved one's name will be listed in the bulletin. If you would like to order, please call or leave a message for Beth at the church office (336-2405) by Wednesday, March 27. Lilies may be taken home after the Easter service.

There are Children & Worship Volunteer Schedules in your mailboxes. Check it out!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The new Gideon study will start tonight, March 10 at 6:30 p.m.

“I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls during my recovery from knee surgery”. Trudy Van Klaveren

Choir will be rehearsing TODAY, March 10, after the service. Join us as we prepare beautiful music for Lent and Easter! 🎵 🎵 To God be the glory! 🎵 🎵

New Worship Service Participants Schedule: Every 6 months a new worship participant schedule is planned for all those who desire to help lead our Sunday morning services. The schedule includes organists, pianists, worship team leaders, scripture readers, sound, projection, and video recorders. If you are already on the current schedule we will automatically include you in the next schedule unless we hear otherwise. If you are not on the current schedule and would like to be included in the next schedule (May-October) - please let Beth or Pastor John know no later than **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Thank you!

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

Worship Service YouTube Links:

March 3, 2024: <https://youtu.be/drzAPwf4-Xw>

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ, The "Via Dolorosa" ("Sorrowful Way") refers to the path that Jesus took on the way to his crucifixion in the old City of Jerusalem. During this Lenten season, we will use the image of the Via Dolorosa as we journey with Jesus to the cross. We will travel back to Isaiah 53 where the coming Messiah is given the title Man of Sorrows. We will look at various stories where the theme of sorrow and tears play an important role. May God bless us during this Lenten season as we journey with our Savior to the cross.

In His Grace, Pastor John and Pastor Brad

Tentative Sermon Schedule

1. February 18: Isaiah 52:13- 53:12— “The Via Dolorosa: The Man of Sorrows”
2. February 25: Matthew 2:13-18--"The Via Dolorosa: The Slaughter of the Innocents"
3. March 3: Luke 7:11-17 – “The Via Dolorosa: Weep No More”

4. March 10: "The Via Dolorosa: Extravagant Grace"
5. March 17: TBD
6. March 24: Palm Sunday
7. March 31: Easter Sunday

CALENDAR

Greeters/Coffee Hosts: March 10

Brad & Crystal DK, Mardick & Jill S.

Greeters/Coffee Hosts next week, March 17: Brandon & Julie S.,
Michelle DK

Worship Team:

March 10: Kevin & Glenda K., France B., Emmalyn S.

Next Week, March 17: Eliot B., Heidi B., France B. & Nellie VDH

Nursery:

March 10: Kiera L, Lauren VDB

Next Week, March 17: Glenda K & Ella VH

Children in Worship:

March 10: Heather VH, Macy VDP

Next Week, March 17: Sheri L., Evan V.

March 10:

Choir practice after the morning service.

Women's Bible Study tonight at 6:30pm.

This Week:

Monday, March 11, 1:00pm: Memorial Service for Maxine Greidanus

Monday, March 11, 7:00pm: MVCS Parent Association Meeting,
Elementary Gym

Wednesday: March 13, 6:30pm: Cadets Pinewood Derby at MVC
Elementary Gym

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

C.A.R.E. Medical Center Boutique is in need of the following household items: Kleenex, size 6 diapers and baby wipes. Donations can be dropped off Mon.-Thurs. between 9-5.

Bible Camp – July 4-8 – Warm Beach Camp, near Stanwood, WA. Singles, couples, families and seniors - fellowship and worship together in a beautiful setting; enjoy dynamic speakers to challenge and refresh your daily walk; camp with your tent or RV, or choose from a variety of lodging accommodations with meals included. Swimming, mini golf, tennis & basketball courts, volleyball, bocce, ropes course, rockets and so much more! Childcare and fun programs for your kids <https://cascadefamilybiblecamp.org/registration-info> or contact rona718@hotmail.com, dean@lithocraft.com if you have questions. 'First Timer' discounts are available for those who haven't attended in the past!

CRC COMMUNICATIONS

Groundwork: The Paradox Of The Cross - In the Roman empire, the cross brought death in a brutal, humiliating way. But believers of Jesus Christ find life in the cross. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 5:1-11, and Ephesians 2:8-10 to study the paradox of the cross, remember the profound love of God, and learn how we should live in light of this paradox. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Kids Corner: Healing Love - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus goes to the tomb where Lazarus' family laid him to rest, and miraculously restores Lazarus to life. Jesus also healed Lazarus' family's broken hearts. It restored their joy. We might not be able to heal physically those we love as Jesus did. But, like Jesus, we can come alongside them and demonstrate God's never-ending, always-present love. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.



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 REQUEST:

Please continue to pray for Hans Meischke, as he has been hospitalized with difficulty breathing. Pray for a quick return of strength and health.

Please pray for Hank Vander Veen, who is recovering from the hip surgery that he underwent this past Tuesday. Pray that he will gain strength and healing through physical therapy.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

We express our deepest sympathy to Larry Greidanus and family and friends. Maxine's memorial service will be here on Monday the 11th at 1pm. Pray for the family in the days ahead and the decisions that are made. May they feel God close beside them.

Continue to remember the families who have recently lost loved ones. May God be close to each one of them as they mourn their loss.

Please continue to pray for **Juli Oostra's** platelet levels!

SHUT INS: *Nell Annema and Marion Ekkelkamp* at Birchview Memory Care in Sedro-Woolley; *Shirley Boonstra* at Country Meadow Village in Sedro-Woolley, *Marjean DeGroot* at Mountain Glen in Mount Vernon; *Martha Haarsma* at home in Mount Vernon, *Mary Koopmans* at Where the Heart is in Burlington; *Hans Meischke* at Kenmore Living in Kenmore, WA, *Adrianna Swanson*, and *Clarence Vander Griend* at Home Place in Burlington; *Hank VanderVeen* at *The Bridge in Mount Vernon*; *Sally Reehoorn* at Creekside in Burlington; *Bev Van Slageren* with family in Grandview, WA.

OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)

Monday March 4 - World Renew: Weather

Across Latin America and southern Africa, the rainy season has come, but many regions are receiving less than average rainfall, leading to poor harvests. Pray that more rain may come and that the crops harvested will be sufficient for each family's needs until the next season. Give thanks that fewer hurricanes and floods have come this year, and pray for tranquility in the coming year.

Tuesday March 5 - *ReFrame Ministries: Taiwan*

Jerry An, our Chinese ministry leader, shared, “After recent presidential elections in Taiwan, we are expecting the relationship between Taiwan and China to further deteriorate. Please pray. Pray also as our Chinese ministry team works on a related project called “Under the Shadow of War,” a biblical response for the worldwide Chinese church.

Wednesday March 6 - *Resonate: Cambodia*

Many people have decided to follow Jesus through Resonate’s ministry in Cambodia. “Please pray that new believers may have the opportunity to study the Word of God and increase their faith,” ask Resonate missionaries Ly Chhay and Navy Chann-Chhay.

Friday March 8 - *Thrive: Hospice*

Hospice chaplains assess and care for the spiritual needs of patients and their loved ones. Anticipatory grief is an ever-present reality in this setting. Often questions about God, eternity, and concern for loved ones left behind are raised. Pray for our chaplains who walk with individuals and families in these settings while sharing the peace and love of God.

Saturday March 9 - *Resonate: Spain*

“We praise God for the friendships we have made in our community with Spanish nonbelievers and for the opportunity we are having to share with them about our ministry and our faith!” say Resonate missionaries Gary and Rachel De León, who serve in Spain.

Sunday March 10 - *World Renew: Trauma healing*

Participants we encounter often feel “stuck” as they try to process their experiences of illness, loss, abuse, terror, or violence. World Renew’s trauma-healing programs are able to reach people in many communities—both for healing and to train facilitators. Please pray that the peace of Christ may heal all who are hurting so that they can move forward in hope.