

***Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!***  
***Pastor Brad Diekema***  
***July 7, 2024 ♦ 10:30 A.M. Worship Service***

**\* Please stand in body or in spirit.**

Prelude

*"All Glory be to God on High"*

Welcome

Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH # 551

"All Creatures of Our God and King" v. 1, 2, 5, 6

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice with us and sing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
O burning sun with golden beam,  
and shining moon with silver gleam,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. O rushing wind so wild and strong,  
White clouds that sail in heaven along,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
New rising dawn in praise rejoice;  
You lights of evening find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
5. All you who are of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
All you who pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6. Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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\* Call to Worship: Psalm 24: 7-10

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty—  
he is the King of glory.

\* Hymn of Praise: LUYH #2 "O Worship the King"

1. O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

PSALM 104; Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.; Music: W. Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; attr. Johann Michael Haydn, P.D.; CCLI# 678905

*"O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,  
whom God the Father Gave Us"*

\* God's Greeting/We Greet Each Other

Announcements

Call to Confession:

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words  
from Psalm 139:

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God's leading  
by our own transparent confession.

—based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

Assurance

\* Song of Response: LUYH #227 "He is Lord"

1. He is Lord, he is Lord,  
he is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

2. He is King, he is King,  
he will draw all nations to him; he is King!  
And the time shall be when the world shall sing  
that Jesus Christ is King.
3. He is Love, he is Love,  
he has shown us by his life that he is Love!  
All his people sing with one voice of joy  
that Jesus Christ is Love.
4. He is Life, he is Life,  
he has died to set us free, and he is Life!  
And he calls us all to live evermore,  
for Jesus Christ is Life.

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Offertory

\* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #763 'Blessed Jesus, at Your Word "

1. Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you.  
By your gospel pure and holy,  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart;  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open lips and ears and heart;  
help us by your Spirit's leading.  
Hear the cry your church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt., P.D.;  
Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1664, P.D.; CCLI # 678905

"Only You are God's True Son  
who was Before Creation"

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "Christ the King"

Time of Prayer

"You Only are the Holy One  
who came for Our Salvation"

\* Song of Application: LUYH #542 "All Glory Be to God on High"

1. All glory be to God on high,  
and peace on earth from heaven,  
and God's goodwill unfailingly  
be to his people given.  
Almighty God, you are our King:  
we worship you, our thanks we bring,  
we praise you for your glory.
2. O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,  
whom God the Father gave us,  
who for the world was sacrificed  
upon the cross to save us,  
at God's right hand you intercede  
for those who for your mercy plead;  
receive the prayer we offer.
3. You only are the Holy One  
who came for our salvation,  
and only you are God's true Son  
who was before creation.  
You only, Christ, as Lord we own,  
and with the Spirit you alone  
share in the Father's glory.

Words: Latin, *Gloria in excelsis Deo*, 4th c.; vers. Nikolaus Decius, 1525; tr. F. Bland Tucker, 1977, alt. © 1985 The Church Pension Fund. Music: attr. Nikolaus Decius, 1539, P.D. All Rights Reserved. OneLicense.net License #A-711218

\* We Profess Our Faith: The Belgic Confession, Article 10

We believe that Jesus Christ,  
according to his divine nature,  
is the only Son of God—  
eternally begotten,  
not made nor created,  
for then he would be a creature.

He is one in essence with the Father; coeternal;  
the exact image of the person of the Father  
and the "reflection of his glory,"  
being in all things like him.

So then, he is the true eternal God, the Almighty,  
whom we invoke, worship, and serve.

\* God's Blessing

\* Parting Praise: 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*

**Welcome** to worship! Here let us seek to see God more clearly, love God more completely, and serve God more certainly. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! 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: July 7	Next Week: July 14
Sound:	Tim H.	Mardy S.
Projection:	Maddie D.	Isaac D.
Video:	Isaac D.	Tim H.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

# First CRC

## Bulletin Announcements

**July 7, 2024**

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

### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

#### **Christian Education Fund:**

THANK YOU to all those that pledged for the coming school year. The total tuition cost of \$118,018.00 for school year 2024-2025 has been pledged. Thank you so much for your support! Don't forget to take a glance at your Worship Schedule if you are a volunteer! We know summer can get busy. If you need a replacement, please call the person on for the following Sunday and then let Beth know of your switcheroo. Thank you!

**Loved the movie "Driving Miss Daisy"? There is a sign-up sheet** by the coffee for those who would be willing to pick up and take Shirley Boonstra home each Sunday morning with us. Please take a moment to take a look at it and volunteer today. Thank you!

**Attention all First CRC Members! Church Committee Update:** On **Monday, July 15** the Executive Committee will be meeting to update/approve our current church committee lists. When it comes to various committees for our church family we do our best to 'recruit,' but just like our personal families sometimes it's simply more expedient to assign. Here's how you can help us in advance: If there is a specific church committee that you would like to serve on - please let Beth know no later than **Sunday, July 14**. In addition, if you would like to be 'removed' from a current committee that you are serving on please let her know that as well. If we don't hear from you - please don't be surprised if you find your name assigned to a committee this fall. We promise to do our best to match one's gifts accordingly. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!

**Danielle Van Zanten and Ryan Burkholder** are thrilled to announce their wedding on August 3, in Houston, B.C. They will have an open house reception here at First CRC on Saturday, August 17 from 2-4p.m. Please join us in celebrating their love and commitment. Please RSVP by August 12 to Henry and Pam Van Zanten by text at 360-757-0540 or email at [hpvanz@gmail.com](mailto:hpvanz@gmail.com).

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](https://firstcrcmv.com/?page_id=1509)*

### **Worship Service YouTube Links:**

June 30, 2024: <https://youtu.be/Ot0uHKpeVEM>

### **CALENDAR:**

#### **Greeters/Coffee Hosts:**

July 7: Greg & Tish A, Sarah Z., Juliana LC

Next week, July 14: Jeremy & Shanna V., Greg & Beth B.

#### **Worship Team:** July 7: Men's Group

Next Week, July 14: Eliot B., Mandi D., Kayla & Ella VH

#### **Nursery:**

July 7: Warm Beach Camp – No Nursery

Next Week, July 14: Catherine & Noah VK

#### **Children in Worship:**

July 7: No Children's Worship

Next Week, July 14: Heidi B., Maddie D.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Sat, August 17, 2-4pm:** Reception for Danielle (VZ) and Ryan Burkholder here at church. Please RSVP by August 12.

### **CRC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Wish You Could Do More for Ministry?** - Through gifts in a will, many everyday people give substantially more than would ever be possible during their lifetimes. Email [advancement@crcna.org](mailto:advancement@crcna.org) to learn more how you can support Thrive in your estate plans.



**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - The faith practice of remembering centers our attention on what God has done in our lives, deepening our assurance that God is with us here and now, and expanding our hope and anticipation for what God will yet do. Take some time this week to make a “faith timeline” to remember what God has done in your life and in the lives of people you love. Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**Kids Corner: The Power of Prayer** - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). When kids pray, it makes a difference! Sometimes, we might think that God only hears grown-up prayers, but God also wants kids to care about and pray for our families and friends. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

**Groundwork: Adopt the Mindset of Christ** - As Christians, many of us long to make the world a better place. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 22:15-45, 1 Peter 2:21-23, and Matthew 20:24-28 to study the servant mindset Jesus modeled. Together we’ll glean biblical wisdom for discerning the relationship between faith and power and we’ll discuss the importance of developing Christlikeness. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**World Renew DRS Response to Iowa Flooding** - After heavy rain and severe flooding in northwestern Iowa last weekend (6/22/24), World Renew DRS is making plans to help the homeowners and churches who were most affected to clean up and rebuild as the flood water recedes. Please pray for those who have lost their homes and possessions, for DRS volunteers and staff, and others working to assist people in need. You can help flood survivors in Iowa and across the U.S. with your financial gift at <http://worldrenew.net/springstorms2024-donate>, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing your check made out to World Renew DRS, with “Spring Storms 2024” in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr, SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.



How can  
we  
**PRAY**  
for you?

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:**

**Mary Koopmans** was briefly in the hospital for a blood clot in her leg, but she has returned home. It will take some time for her to fully recover from the swelling, but the blood thinners are working well. Please feel free to visit her again in Burlington at Where the Heart Is. She doesn't remember visits, but she sure enjoys them in the moment. Please pray for her continued healing.

Please continue to pray for **Arnola Roos**.

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.

**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; ***Clarence Vander Griend*** at Home Place in Burlington; ***Sally Reehoorn*** at Creekside in Burlington; ***Bev Van Slageren*** with family in Grandview, WA.

**OTHER REQUESTS: (CRC Communications)**

**Monday July 1 - CRC Communications: Canada Day**

As Canada marks another year, give thanks for this country that has provided home and hospitality to many. Pray for God's guidance for Canada's leaders and all other citizens in navigating the challenging times we face today.

**Tuesday July 2 - Resonate Global Mission: Uganda**

Give thanks for Kang Heo, a student at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich., who volunteered with Resonate in Uganda. He helped to lead Timothy Leadership Training with women in a rural village. Pray that the training will bear much fruit.

**Wednesday July 3 - *World Renew: Disaster Response Services (DRS)***

Several deadly tornadoes hit the U.S. Midwest over the past few months, causing widespread, catastrophic damage. Disaster Response Services is assessing needs and developing a long-term response. Please pray for families affected by these storms, and thank God for faithful volunteers who step up from across North America to help rebuild.

**Thursday July 4 - *CRC Communications: Independence Day***

As the United States celebrates its nationhood, let us thank God for his faithfulness and pray that he will guide the decisions made by people and leaders at all levels, especially as the country prepares for an election this coming fall.

**Friday July 5 - *Resonate: Japan***

"Pray that Christians and churches here will be welcoming and share the gospel in ways that are easy to understand," ask Ken and Jeannie Lee, Resonate missionaries in Japan. Less than one percent of Japan's population identifies as Christian.

**Saturday July 6 - *Thrive: Seafarer ministry centres***

Our Seafarer chaplains serve in coastal areas and minister exclusively to the crews of merchant ships and cruise vessels. Often these crew members are from distressed areas of the world, live in cramped quarters, and work long hours. A kind word, a listening ear, or some help in finding medical care can create an opportunity for discussion about God's love and grace. Pray for the gospel-filled connections that these chaplains make each day.

**Sunday July 7 - *ReFrame Ministries: Ukraine***

Pray for Pastor Andre, who partners with ReFrame in Ukraine. Often our Russian ministry partners in Pastor Andre's area connect their followers with Andre and his church. Pray that he and other church members may be able to meet the needs of people who connect with them during the ongoing war.