

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Pastor Brad Diekema

August 4, 2024 ♦ 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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

Prelude

"All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give"

Welcome

*** Opening Hymn of Praise: LUYH #506 "Better is One Day"**

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus

*Better is one day in Your courts,
better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts,
than thousands elsewhere,
than thousands elsewhere.*

2. One thing I ask and I would seek:
to see Your beauty, to find You in the place
Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek:
To see Your beauty, to find You in the place
Your glory dwells.

Chorus

Bridge:

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen.
Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You,
I will draw near to You, to You.

Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

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* Call to Worship:

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.
Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.
Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.
To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.

* Hymn of Praise: LUYH # 334 v. 1-3

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior”

1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power controlling
all I do and say.
2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his power.
3. May the peace of God, my Father,
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

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*“I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live”*

* God’s Greeting/We Greet Each Other

Announcements

Serve Ministry Video

Upcoming Youth Ministry Serve Project Update

Commissioning Litany:

Leader: This week, you will be challenged to examine yourself through the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

People: May we all examine what we fill our hearts and minds with each day.

SERVE Participants: Lord, may we be open to change that will glorify you. Give us the courage to remove things that are not pleasing in your sight and are not useful for building your kingdom.

People: We send you to serve with love and joy.

SERVE Participants: We will serve one another in love. For the entire law of God is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

People: We send you to serve with peace and patience.

SERVE Participants: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

People: We send you to serve with kindness and goodness.

SERVE Participants: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

People: We send you to serve with faithfulness and gentleness.

SERVE Participants: Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

People: We send you to serve with self-control.

*SERVE Participants: Better to be patient than powerful;
better to have self-control than to conquer a city.*

People: Go and share the gospel with boldness and humility.

*SERVE Participants: We will proclaim your name to all nations
using words and deeds.*

Leader: We commission you to go with the blessing
of the fruit of the Spirit from this congregation
of believers into our community
and throughout the world.

Prayer for our SERVE Team

* Song of Response: LUYH #742 v. 1, 2, 5
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

1. Will you come and follow me,
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind,
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.

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Offertory

(Following the offertory children ages 3-3rd grade
are excused for Children and Worship)

* Hymn of Preparation: LUYH #766

“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.

3. You have spoken; yours the fullness,
ours the wealth of this, your Word.
Debtors, then, as living letters,
we must make your gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!

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*"All to Jesus I surrender
make me Savior wholly thine"*

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

Prayer of Illumination

Message: **"What Are You Wearing?"**

Time of Prayer

*"All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to thee"*

* Song of Application: 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

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

Words: Judson W. VanDeVenter, P.D. 678905

* We Profess Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 88-90
Q & A 88

Pastor Brad: What is involved in genuine repentance
or conversion?

**People: Two things: the dying-away of the old self,
and the rising-to-life of the new.**

Q & A 89

Pastor Brad: What is the dying-away of the old self?

**People: To be genuinely sorry for sin
and more and more to hate
and run away from it.**

Q & A 90

Pastor Brad: What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

**People: Wholehearted joy in God through Christ
and a love and delight to live
according to the will of God
by doing every kind of good work.**

* God's Blessing

* Parting Praise: LUYH # 947 "We Receive Your Blessing"

We receive Your blessing; we receive Your grace,
as we walk in the light shining from Your face.
May the peace that You give change the way that we live.
We receive Your blessing as we leave this place.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and praise the Holy Ghost.

Repeat Song

We receive your blessing as we leave this place.

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Welcome! The psalmist prayed: "Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:19). May all who have come to worship find restoration, inner peace and spiritual strength. After the morning service all are invited to the fellowship hall next to the sanctuary for a cup of coffee or juice and continued fellowship.

Tech Team	Today: August 4	Next Week: August 11:
Sound:	Mardick S.	Tim H.
Projection:	Beth B.	Maddie D.
Video:	Brandon S.	Brandon S.
Offering:	General Fund	General Fund

First CRC Bulletin Announcements

August 4, 2024

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Deep Q's with PB & J

Dear First Family,

At our congregation meeting, I expressed my desire for us to grow into better disciples of Jesus Christ over the next year.

Starting this week, you will see a weekly question in the announcements. I call it "Deep Q's with PB&J" (Deep Questions with Pastor Brad and John). The questions come from the CRC's "Our Journey 2025" conversation cards. Each question will focus on one of four areas:

1. Cultivate: These questions focus on the practices of prayer and spiritual discipline.
2. Listen: These questions focus on helping us to listen to the voices of every generation in our church.
3. Grow: These questions focus on helping us consider what it looks like to be a good neighbor in our community.
4. Share: These questions focus on sharing the Gospel and living it missionally.

The question is for anyone. Please share your answers with each other, with Pastor John, or with me.

My prayer is that we will become better disciples as we explore these questions. May God use them to draw us closer to Him and each other, strengthening our faith and bond as a congregation.

Pastor Brad

Blessings,

This Week's Deep Q's with PB & J:

Describe a time when you felt close to God.

Dear First Family, From August 10th through the 17th, **Julie, Adriana, Tessa Speck, Kiera Link, and Ellie Vanden Bosch** will travel to Abbotsford, British Columbia, to participate in a SERVE Mission Trip. In the weeks leading up, one specific way we can begin to pray for the

group is for an uneventful border crossing on the 10th and the 17th. The Youth Group would LOVE it if you would give them a big send-off on Saturday, August 10 at noon in the church parking lot, or maybe send the kids an encouraging email a day or two beforehand. If you send that email to the church office, Beth will be happy to send it on to Julie Speck so she can share it with the group. (Beth: secretary@firstcrcmv.org)

Please change the following in your Church Directory:

Jill Rouw's email address is: jillrouw@gmail.com. Also remove her landline phone number from your directory and only use her cellphone number.

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!

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.

Dear Friends,

In our recent study of the Beatitudes we observed how these teachings provide an excellent blueprint for how a person initially becomes a Christian and then through the power of the Holy Spirit begins to mature in the faith. One of the important pieces in our spiritual maturity is how we carry out Christ's mission in the world around us. The latter part of Matthew 9 and all of Matthew 10 provide us with some important instructions on how to engage in this important mission together. In the weeks to come we're going to take a closer look at some of these instructions and then apply them to our own lives here today. May God lead and guide us in our study together.

In His Grace, Pastor John

July 21 – “Christ’s Mission – Recognizing the Need” (Matthew 9:35-10:10)

July 28 – “Christ’s Mission – Ministry Expectations” (Matthew 10:11-23)

Aug. 4 – “What Are You Wearing” – Colossians 3:1-17

Aug. 11 – “Christlike Love” – Romans 12:9-13

Aug. 25 – “Christ’s Mission – No Fear” (Matthew 10:24-33)

Sept. ?? – “Christ’s Mission – Costly Discipleship” (Matthew 34-42)

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:

July 28, 2024: <https://youtu.be/ACvIW02spWw>

CALENDAR:

Greeters/Coffee Hosts:

August 4: Eliot & Sue B., Randy & Peggy B.

Next week, August 11: Derek & Heidi B., Darrel & Sunee L.

Worship Team: August 4: Eliot B., Heidi B., Adriana & Tessa S.

Next Week, August 11: Henry & Pam VZ, Kayla & Ella VH

Nursery:

August 4: Elly VDB & Emily VH

Next Week, August 11: Kayla VH & Lauren VDB

Children in Worship:

August 4: Heidi B., Isaac D.

Next Week, August 11: Sheri L., France B.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, August 12, 6:30pm: Council Meeting

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

CRC COMMUNICATIONS:

Kids Corner: Words of Love - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Words can change the way we think about ourselves. When you choose your words wisely, it helps your friends remember that God loves them and that you also love them. And that

helps your friends feel good about themselves. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Faith Practices for Families Ebook Collection.

Groundwork: Humanity Falls - Just after the story of creation, the Bible tells us the story of humanity's fall. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2-3, Romans 5:12, Romans 8:20-22, and Romans 3:9-23 to examine the second major theme of the Bible, the Christian doctrine of the fall. This theme emphasizes the catastrophic impact of sin on humanity and creation, and clearly articulates our universal need for a Savior in Jesus Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Look for service opportunities that allow you to serve "with" people in need, rather than doing things "to" or "for" them. And always remember to look for things you can learn from people you serve. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject



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.

CONTINUING REQUESTS:

Please keep **Crystal DeKok's** son Eric in your prayers as he heals from his dirt bike accident and subsequent surgery.

Please keep **Margaret Vander Pol** in your prayers, as she was hospitalized due to a blood clot in her lung. She is home now recuperating. Pray for Larry as he continues to walk alongside and care for Margaret.

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

Please keep **Eleanor Klunder** in your prayers as she recuperates at home.

Please pray for our youth group leader and kids who will be travelling to Abbotsford, B.C. on August 10 and coming home on August 17.

Continue to pray for **Mary Koopmans** as she recovers from her blood clot.

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

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 29 - Thrive: Fellowship

Please pray for a spirit of love, understanding, and collaboration among members within your own congregation. Pray for hearts that bear faithfulness, patience, kindness, and other fruits of the Spirit.

Tuesday July 30 - Resonate: Ontario

Pray for the young adults who are serving with the SOCO Beach Project, a Resonate partner in Ontario. These young adults are diving into spiritual formation and living in intentional community. Ask God to work in and through these young adults this summer.

Wednesday July 31 - World Renew: Asia

Heat waves in recent months brought devastation to families in southern Asia. Pray for families who are vulnerable to food insecurity, especially those who may have lost crops or experienced health problems due to extreme weather. Pray for generous support for those who've been affected by hardships and for God's justice and mercy to effect change and bring hope.

Thursday August 1 - Thrive: Chaplains

In Veterans Administration hospitals, chaplains serve veterans who not only have obvious physical injuries but may also have less obvious cognitive, emotional, spiritual, or moral injuries. Pray for our chaplains as they provide pastoral care, and pray that our local churches may find ways to enfold veterans into their communities.

Friday August 2 - ReFrame Ministries: Russian ministry

Our Russian ministry team recently established a phone and internet chat hotline for internally displaced people in Ukraine. Pray for Angelina, whose husband is on the front lines of the war. "His psychological condition isn't good," Angelina said. "His calls have become aggressive, jealous, and filled with insults."

Saturday August 3 - Resonate Global Mission: Ministry partners

Give thanks for all of the ways God's light is shining through Resonate missionaries, church plants, campus ministries, and other ministry partners. Many of these ministries serve on the margins of the denomination and its communities. That's where Resonate is seeing a lot of growth—people are finding belonging and care in faith communities, learning about the gospel, and deciding to follow Jesus.

Sunday August 4 - World Renew: Iowa

Heavy rain and flooding damaged around 2,000 properties in northwestern Iowa in June. Pray for all who have been affected by the devastation, and praise God for Disaster Response Services volunteers who are already assisting with clean-up efforts. May God continue to provide for residents living in temporary shelters while their homes are restored.