

# Welcome to the Worship of God

Sunday, February 7, 2010

We extend a special welcome to guests who join us today! Pastor Gary Bomhof will bring the message today.

Children **ages 3 to grade 5** will be dismissed for *Sunday school*. There is supervised nursery care for infants to age 3 today. Parents should accompany children who leave the worship service for any reason.

Guests at First Church are cordially invited to a time of fellowship and friendship in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service

.We Worship Our Great and Mighty God  
\*indicates to stand if able

Gathering Song – “Come, Let Us Worship Jesus”

Welcome/Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting

\*Hymns of Praise

“Children of Light”

“God of Wonders”

\*A Time of Friendship (*children dismissed*)

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession – “Good to Me”

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song – PsH 482 “Man of Sorrows – What a Name”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Luke 15: 11-32

Message – **The Father and His Prodigal Sons**

\*Hymn of Response – PsH 267

“Amazing Love”

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Benevolent Fund

\*Blessing

\*Doxology – PsH 438

“When Morning Guilds the Sky”

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**Serving Today...**

**Greeter:** Bill Scholten

**Helping Hands:** Jeff Visser

**Nursery:** Sharon Stange, Sonya Wagenaar

## FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...thank you to my First Church family for the wonderful cards and well wishes for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration!

**Henry Drok**

...**Nicolette van Loo** is scheduled for heart surgery on Wednesday, Feb 10 at the Mazankowski Heart Institute in Edmonton. She very much appreciates our prayers.

...Remember the many people who are unable to worship with us regularly due to illness or age including **Lies Visser, Nell Drost, Mrs. Spykma, Winnie Tensen, Audrey Vermeer, John Lindhout, Henk Krikke, and Winnie Krikke.**

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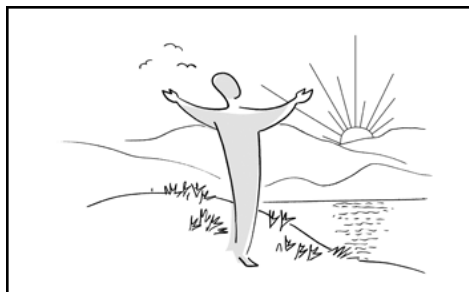


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## FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service. Your hosts today: Jo Maetche, Elsie McKinnon

**FOUNDATIONS II** tonight – 6.00p. Foundations next week is cancelled because of Family Day.

**EVENING GATHERING** tonight at 6.00p when we view the final two segments of “The History of Christianity”. All are invited.

**JOY OF GOD’S WORD** Next week you will have the first hand out in your mail slot. Please begin to pray that **Scripture, Prayer and Meditation** starting on February 21 will be a blessing to all of us. God’s love is so amazing. *Pastor Jack*

**CADETS** Tomorrow night is ‘Mother/Son’ Bowling night! Check with the leaders for more info.

**2009 ANNUAL REPORT** I am requesting that if you would like a report published about your team/groups work in 2009 that you submit report to: [firstcrc@telusplanet.net](mailto:firstcrc@telusplanet.net) by **FEB 21** latest. Thanks, Dale.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** If there is anyone thinking about or desiring to publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, please contact either Pastor Gary of Cathy Tilstra so that a convenient time may be set up to prepare for this significant event.

**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY** There will be an updated directory published in the spring. If you have changed address, telephone, etc. please inform the church office.

**YOU CAN HELP** the Red Deer Food Bank. Steve van Aragon of A & J Piano Services (our church piano tech) is asking our congregation to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the large grey tub outside the church office door. When the tub is full, Steve will give us a free piano tuning! (Value: \$105.00) Thanks, Dale

**NEWSLETTERS & INFO** Missionary newsletters and Credo information will now be sent via email. If you are not on the church email list, several copies will be available in the information rack by the west doors.

## *Youth Happenings....*

-**Acts of Light** drama team meets Wednesday, 6.45 – 8.00p.

-**YC Deposits** are due! Please get your \$100 deposit to Cathy Nicolay. Don’t forget our fund raising dinner on Feb 27. We need everyone there!

-**Jr High Ski Retreat** is booked for March 19-21. You should find registration forms in your mail slot or look on the YBB. All youth grades 7-9 are invited.

-**3 Spots Open!** Join the 2010 SERVE Team in Niagara Falls. Anyone grade 9 up to age 20 is welcome. Talk to Cathy if you are interested.

-**My Devotions** spring issue is in. Check the info racks in the east and west foyers.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RED DEER MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION** has made a commitment to be in prayer weekly for a Christian organization in the City of Red Deer. In this way we are showing our unity and support for each other. This week our prayer is for Sunnybrook United Church.

**KOINONIA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** presents “*The Secret Garden*” on February 18, 19,20,25,26, & 27. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased through the school office at 403.346.1818. Our very own Yvonne Prins is involved and would love to give you more info!

**THANK YOU** On behalf of the Ministry to Seafarers, we thank you for gifts donated to the ‘Christmas at Sea’ project. Many seafarers were delighted with the gifts received. Without your generous support the project would not have been possible. *Ernst Devries, Chaplain*

**THE RED DEER SOCIETY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** will be holding its annual meeting at the Gateway Christian School Central Campus gym at 7:30 pm. Please plan on attending this very important meeting as we have several different items that need to be discussed and voted on including the future of our high school. If you haven't already purchased your yearly membership, you can do so any time between 7 and 7:30 when the membership table is open. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

**INTER-CHURCH CURLING BONSPIEL** and banquet will take place on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the event which includes three games, the banquet and some prizes is \$160.00 per team. Space limited to 16 teams. Teams must be registered by Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Steven Watson @ 403.346.7682. or

[l.m.watson@shaw.ca](mailto:l.m.watson@shaw.ca) or Alan Watson @ 403.347.3180.

**PARKLAND REFORMED CHURCH** is pleased to invite you to a conference titled The Value of Friendships on March 5-6 2010. Rev. Alan Strange from M.A.R.S. will be speaking. Topics will include Seeking friendships, Building Friendships, Blessings of Friendships, Christian Relationships, and Sustaining Relationships. There is no cost and breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be provided at the church. Please contact Janice Rypstra at 403.885.5638 or [brijanryp@telus.net](mailto:brijanryp@telus.net) for questions or to register.

**WORLD MISSIONS** Prayer for the Nations: In celebration of this year's Winter Olympics, Christian Reformed World Missions has created a five minute prayer video highlighting ways to pray for countries represented in the Olympics and the ministries of CRWM. To download the video, visit [www.crw.org/flags](http://www.crw.org/flags).

**KING'S CHOIR CONCERT** This Friday, February 12 - 8.00p at First Presbyterian Church – 10025-105 St in Edmonton. A free will offering will be taken.

**FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK** Your church council met a week ago last Tuesday for it's monthly meeting. Vice-chair Tony Lindhout led in the opening devotions making remarks about a ritual in New York City on New Year's Eve by which all sorts of papers were shredded to "wipe away the past." He went on to give us a wonderful reminder from Heb. 11 & 12 that we can "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" and therefore we needn't "shred the past . . ." because Jesus already did it! Marvellous!

We had a new pictorial directory made not so long ago, but we also have some who regularly worship with us of whom we don't have a photo. It would sure be nice to have such so that we can get to know each other better and so we'll try to arrange for a photo bulletin board to be placed next to the mail-slots in the hall way. We'll then seek the permission of new attendees to take their picture and to place it in such a way that the rest of us will get to see how beautiful and handsome they are.

Classis Alberta North will meet on the campus of The King's University College in Edmonton on March 10-11. Jeff Visser volunteered to serve as the elder delegate from our church with Rob Wagenaar and Cor Pikkert serving as alternate delegates.

Pastor Gary informed us of the plans for March 14's evening service when a Christian Rabbi will be here to explain how all the elements in the Jewish Passover points toward the Lord Jesus Christ. Mark this on your

calendar for it promises to be a very interesting and informative evening that may surprise you! The Rumanian singing group that we were privileged to hear a few months ago will be presenting a concert in our church on Saturday, April 10. And pastor Jack will be leading a series of Sunday evening sessions concerning prayer, Scripture reading and meditation beginning this month.

Plans are in the making for a course entitled "Helping People Who Hurt" to be presented by Shalom Christian Counselling Services in our church this coming fall. Some of our members have already taken this course and found it very beneficial; we hope a goodly number of others will take it since it will help us to exercise loving, compassionate and understanding help to those who hurt. You'll hear more about this later on in the year.

So much for now . . . more next week.

- - Pastor Herman

**CROSSROAD BIBLE INSTITUTE CANADA** (CBI) is a division of The Bible League of Canada. Through a unique Bible study program that matches a prisoner with a mentor, students complete lessons which are marked by their mentor. The mentors regularly write personal letters of encouragement. "Trey" completed CBI Bible studies while incarcerated. Initially he was very sceptical, and harboured a lot of anger against society, but over time, there was a dramatic change in his attitude. He began a small group Bible study, and he was baptized! Trey writes, "I've come a long way. From not knowing what I want to do in life, to finding God!" Please pray for inmates who struggle with anger, and for mentors who let the love of Jesus shine. The Bible League of Canada, [www.bibleleague.ca](http://www.bibleleague.ca)

***Today's Laugh or Thought...***

***"Reading Glasses"***

I took my 5 year old grandson to the optometrist to pick up his new glasses. The glasses were prescribed "to help him read and be able to see the computer better".

When we got back home, he got on the computer to play a game. In a few minutes he called me and said there was something wrong with his glasses.

I asked him what was the problem and he said, "I still can't read."

### ***Birthday Greetings!***

Feb	6	Leon Oosterhoff Alan OpdenDries
	7	Madison Bodie Marvin Sytsma
	8	Dale de Wit
	9	Brady Stange
	10	Geke Meilink Kathleen Teuling
	11	Lauren Bowman Eric Koster Bruce Sytsma
	12	Johnny Meilink
	13	Mireya Windhorst Pat Millis Barb Thompson Diane Tulp-Brooks

### ***This week at First Church...***

<b>Today</b>	6.00p	Foundations II Group Night
	6.00p	History of Christianity
<b>Mon</b>	6.30p	GEMS/Cadet's
	7.00p	Friendship
<b>Tues</b>	9.30a	Coffee Break
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
	7.30p	Deacons
<b>Wed</b>	8.00a	RD Ministerial
	6.45p	Drama rehearsal
	7.30p	Education Team
	7.30p	Admin Team
<b>Fri</b>	9.30p	Hockey – Dawe
<b>Sat</b>	8.00a	Men's Life
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00a	Morning Worship

***Library Hours:*** Tuesday: 9.30a – 11.30a  
Sunday's – after am worship services

***Check the church web site:*** [www.firstcreddeer.org](http://www.firstcreddeer.org) for current information.

### ***Serving next week...***

**Greeter:** James Arends  
**Helping Hands:** Floyd Groeneveld  
**Coffee:** John/Betty Tytsma  
**Nursery:** Rob/Barb Hessel/Jenna VanderVeen

### ***Stewardship notes....***

#### ***Today's Tithes and Offerings:***

First Church Ministry Budget  
Benevolent Fund

Future Offerings:  
Feb 14 – Ministry Shares  
Feb 21 – Building Fund