

Welcome to the Worship of God

Sunday, March 7, 2010 – Lent 3

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

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Gathering Songs

"Hosanna"

"Sing to the King"

"King of the Jungle" – Foundations I Classes

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship – responsive

*God's Greeting

*We Praise God – PsH 453

"Let All Things How Living"

*A Time of Friendship

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

We Respond – PsH 419

"Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart"

Prayer for Guidance

Scripture Reading – Matthew 13: 31-33; 16: 5-12

We Respond – "The Kingdom of Our God is Like"

Message – **It's All in the Yeast**

*Our Desire – PsH 427

"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Food Grains Bank

*Blessing

*Doxology – "Shine, Jesus Shine!" – Foundations I Classes

(Congregation joins in last chorus)

Serving Today...

Greeter: Krista Dunstan

Helping Hands: Gerry Sanguin

Nursery: Erin Fosty & Erin Visser

FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...our sincere condolences are extended to **Tony Lindhout** and his family with the passing away of his wife, Sharon. She had gallantly fought cancer with a positive and faith-full spirit, but last Sunday she was called home to her eternal dwelling. The funeral took place this past Friday at St. Mary's Church.

...we also extend condolences to **Beatty and Art Friend** and family. Beatty's mother, who had been suffering from leukemia for some time, suddenly took a turn for the worse and passed away last week. The funeral took place in Neerlandia on Sat, February 27. May the Lord comfort those who mourn.

...**Pastor Herman Salomons** continues to recuperate at home after recent gall bladder surgery.

...congratulations to **Jack and Margaret Van Es** who celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on March 4. Surrounded by family and loved ones, may they together experience the Lord's blessings for many years to come.

...congratulations to **Matt and Steph Andersen** who were married in our church yesterday. May the Lord bless their lives as they establish their new home in Blackfalds.

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

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: Benny/Anja Borgman

EVENING GATHERING “Eating the Word” with Jeremiah 15 & 16. We are eating up the Word tonight at 6.00p. Please complete the exercises on hand-out 2. This evening and every day we are in God’s gymnasium. Please join us.

FOUNDATIONS II tonight at 6.00p.

DEMONOLOGY Did you pick up your copy about the teaching about Satan? Copies are available at the kiosk in the west hallway.

INVITATION All leaders involved in the education ministries of First CRC are invited to an encouragement night at church on Tuesday, March 16th beginning at 6pm. You should find an invitation with the details in your mailbox but if it disappeared, please contact Barb Hessel or Yvonne VanderVeen for more information!

SPECIAL NIGHT OF WORSHIP The Education Team would like to invite everyone in the congregation to join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship and worship on Thursday, March 18th starting at 7pm here at First Church! Troy Kooima and Jason Taylor of Happy the Dog ministries will be here to lead us in worship followed by a time of fellowship over coffee and dessert! Everyone is kindly asked to please bring along a dessert to share! Please come and join us!

CLASSIS ALBERTA NORTH meets in regular session on Wednesday and Thursday at King’s. Pastor Bomhof and Elder, Jeff Visser have been delegated from our church. As a note of interest Pastor Harry Zantingh, who had taken a year’s leave of absence from the Ponoka CRC, has accepted a call to serve the Owen Sound, Ontario CRC.

EASTER AT FIRST CHURCH Easter is quickly approaching and the Worship and Arts Team is again presenting the Easter Lily project. You should have noticed the yellow insert in the bulletin today. If you would like to participate, please complete the form and put it in the offering bag or drop off at the church office. The Team would also like to announce the services as follows: Maundy Thursday Communion, April 1 – 7.00p; Good Friday Tenebrae, April 2 – 8.00p; Resurrection Sunday Breakfast, April 4 – 9.00a; Resurrection Sunday Worship, April 4 – 10.00a. The Sunday morning breakfast is new this year, further

details to come! The Acts of Light Drama Team will be an integral part of the services this year. You will not want to miss any of them!

THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone from Youth to Grandparents who helped with the Jamboree on Saturday. Thank you to the people from the Fiddle Camp for the marvellous entertainment. The final numbers are not all in, but we raised approximately \$5000! The money will be split between the Youth trip to YC in May and the “Fill the Container” project for the ‘God’s Littlest Angels’ orphanage in Haiti. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

“FILL THAT CONTAINER!” We are working with an orphanage in Haiti (God’s Littlest Angels) to collect and ship requested/needed supplies in a 40ft Sea Can. The supplies will help provide care to the children, families, staff and the community around God’s Littlest Angels. Donations needed range from diapers, wipes and food to tents blankets and tarps. Help us “Fill That Container!” Contact person is Cathy Nicolay (346.1991). For a complete list of supplies see the Welcome Center for a pamphlet and/or visit our blog at <http://fillthatcontainer.blogspot.com> as we are only accepting items off the list. Donations can be put in the box under the mailboxes in church or dropped off at Penner Farm Supplies in Red Deer. Deadline for donations is March 15, 2010.

THE FREEDOM SINGERS will be here in concert at First Church, Saturday, April 10. Please plan to attend this excellent evening of Southern Gospel music. See Nick Korver for more info.

LET’S TRY THIS AGAIN The Single Senior’s Tea presented by the GEMS and Deacon’s is now scheduled for March 29 at 6.30p. For more info, speak to one of the Deacon’s or check your mail slot.

FROM THE LIBRARY – Can you believe we have over 1200(!) items (books, DVD’s, and VHS’s) in those 3 bookcases! We are in the process to enter everything on the web so you can research for yourself what we have. In the meantime we miss our kids. We still have a box full of prices but no takers. Come on kids! Youth: are you willing to give your life (literally!) for God? We have this new book about a 15 year old boy who did just that! It’s called, “I Would Die For You” by Brent & Deanna Higgins.

REMINDER to all user groups. Please make sure all hallway doors **are closed** before you leave. Fire regulations require that all doors are closed. Thank you – Administration Team

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL – Do you feel a calling from God to serve our church as an Elder or Deacon? Do you know someone in our church whom you wish to nominate to be of service to the church on Council? If you have any questions about being an Elder or Deacon you can talk to a Council member. It is a noble task to serve as Elder or Deacon. You may email Barb Hessel at bhessel@shaw.ca or Dan Wind at windrd@telusplanet.net.

Youth Happenings....

-Foundations II meets tonight at 6:00p.
-SERVE team is asked to meet in the Council room immediately after the service for a short meeting.
-Acts of Light drama team meets Wednesday, 6.45-8.30p. Please note the time change. We are rehearsing for Easter and need the extra time! All Acts of Light participants are asked to check their emails for a copy of the script and come familiar with your part.
-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 to attend but senior highs are cautioned the weekend is designed and geared for junior highs! **Deadline for registration** is March 8.
-All Youth! 30 Hour Famine is booked for April 16-17. Sign up on the YBB if you want to join the cause!
-Happy the Dog ministries will be here the week of March 15-19 leading a spiritual emphasis week at Gateway Christian School. To take advantage of their presence here we are planning several evening events that week here at First CRC! Please mark off your calendars and plan to take advantage of their knowledge and experience by joining us in those opportunities! More details to follow!
-Job Posting The Education Team of First CRC is seeking a **Summer Ministries Student**. Applicant must be a committed Christian, and must have completed at least one year of post-secondary education. We are seeking a mature, team player who can demonstrate self-motivation, responsibility and bring leadership to our ministries. The position will be given to someone with a love and joy for children and youth, as well as the capability of coordinating a diverse group of youth and young adult volunteers. Skills in volunteer recruitment will be an asset. Organizational and communication skills are a must. The successful candidate will provide leadership and coordination of our summer ministries, including but not limited to two week-long camps and Summer Sunday School. Also, you will be required to assist and aide in Vacation Bible School. This full time position (approx. 40 hours/week) will run from May 17 – August 27, 2010. Please apply by sending your email and references before April 15, 2010 to

summerministriesjob@hotmail.com. Please include a pastoral reference.

-Loaves and Fishes/People's Place intergenerational service opportunity is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2010. We would need a total of 10 volunteers (age 14 & up) to assist with the dinner service from 4:30p to approximately 7:00p. All volunteers are provided with supper. This provides you with the opportunity to sit and visit with the people from the community who use this vital service. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Arlene Oosterhoff at phone # 403.342.6723 or email oosteraj@shaw.ca or sign up on the youth bulletin board!

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 Victory Christian Fellowship.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA Mixed Chorus and Faculty of Education Hand bell Ringers will be presenting their 66th Annual Spring Concert at Gaetz Memorial United Church on Saturday, March 13 at 7.00pm. Tickets are \$10 available at the door. Don't miss this outstanding musical evening!

CRWRC - CFGB SUNDAY: Thank you for your faith that if we work together, we can end hunger. Your gifts will provide emergency food to people affected by disaster, and help people secure their food future. For more information about CFGB visit www.crwrc.org/cfgb.

CRWRC - Chile Earthquake Response: The government of Chile is working to restore order after a catastrophic earthquake that hit on Feb. 27. The quake measured 8.8 on the Richter scale and killed at least 700 people. CRWRC is responding. Donations to CRWRC's "Chile Earthquake Response" will be directed through Actions By Churches Together (ACT) to another Christian organization to provide emergency food and supplies. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.crwrc.org or call 1-800-730-3490.

NEW CRC WEBSITE There's a new way to connect with others in the CRC about church ministries. You can ask questions, share experiences, get resources, read blogs, and more. It's called The Network and it covers dozens of ministry areas and roles. Check it out at www.crcna.org/Network

FROM PASTOR HERMAN'S DESK Dr. David Livingstone became a world renowned explorer of and medical missionary to what today is called Tanzania in East-Central Africa. From Scottish Congregational background, he served there in the mid-1800's without attracting any attention to himself but the world still learned of his work because of his dedication and humble service.

Henry Morgan Stanley, born in Wales, became a journalist for the New York Herald newspaper about the same time that Livingstone was working in Africa. He was commissioned to find Dr. Livingstone, to interview him and to provide a report concerning the missionary's work and explorations. It's from their meeting that the famous quotation, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" came into the English language.

Upon his return to the USA, Henry Stanley made the startling statement: "Dr. Livingstone almost persuaded me to become a Christian, and he didn't even talk to me about it!" That says a lot about our witness for the Lord Jesus Christ today. We witness best, not by word of mouth, but by example. We don't convert people to Christ by confrontation, argumentation or condemnation of another's false beliefs! That only turns them away from Christ! Rather, we bring people to Christ by loving them to pieces! It's done by faithful, humble, dedicated, sensitive service to provide the best for those who live around us, doing so without calling attention to ourselves, focusing only and completely on the needs of those around us.

It's very unfortunate that many Christians have acted (and still act) with an attitude of moral superiority and haughtiness that makes people say, "Don't shove your Christianity down my throat!" That's a sentiment that is on the increase throughout our North American world. It's sad and hurts me to say it, but it's true!

We desperately need to learn all over again to love one another (anyone and everyone) as Christ loved us -- without judgmental attitudes, without callous disregard of other people's situations and to simply, humbly and faithfully do whatever is needed by the people around us. That's when you just might hear the angels sing! -- Pastor Herman

ADDRESS UPDATE

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Birthday Greetings!

Mar	7	Corry Badger Peter Bouch Cale Driedger Kevin Kranenborg
	9	Judy VandenBrink
	10	John Lindhout Herman Salomons Keegan Sanguin Dien van Dorp Kyle Visser
	13	Cara van der Vlis

Stewardship notes....

Today's Tithes and Offerings:

First Church Ministry Budget
Food Grains Bank

Future Offerings:

Mar 14 – CRHM – Victor Ko Mosaic House
Mar 21 – Red Deer Hospice

Serving next week....

Greeter: Alissa Westera
Helping Hands: Jim Bakker
Coffee: Jo Maetche/Elsie McKinnon
Nursery: Krista Dunstan/Kathryn Ludwig

This week at First Church...

Today	6.00p	Foundations II
	6.00p	Evening Gathering
Mon	6.30p	GEMS/Cadet's
	7.00p	Friendship
Tues	9.30a	Coffee Break
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
	7.30p	Deacon's Meeting
Wed	12.30p	KEYS
	6.45p	Drama Team
	7.30p	Administration Team
Fri	10.15p	Hockey – Kinex
Sat	8.00a	Men's Life
Sunday	10.00a	Morning Worship
	6.00p	Foundations II
	6.00p	Evening Gathering

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

Check the church web site: www.firstccreddeer.org for current information.