

# Welcome to the Worship of God

Sunday, March 28, 2010 – Palm Sunday

We extend a special welcome to guests who join us today! Pastor Jack Hielema will bring the message today. Pastor Gary is in Ponoka Sunrise CRC for a Classical appointment.

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

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Songs

*"He is Exalted"*

*"Majesty"*

*"He is Jehovah"*

\*Call to Worship – responsive Psalm 24

\*God's Greeting

\*We Praise God – PsH 378

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

*Procession of the Palms*

\*A Time of Friendship (children dismissed)

Service of Reconciliation

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*We Respond – PsH 110*

*"The Lord unto My Lord Has Said"*

Prayer for Guidance

Scripture Reading – John 12: 12-15; 6: 25-35

We Respond – PsH 370

*"The King of Glory Comes"*

Message – **The King Calling Us to King-work**

\*Answering Him – PsH 238 vs. 1, 3, 5

*"We Come, O Christ, to You"*

Pastoral/Offertory Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

*First Church Ministry Budget*

*Friendship*

\*Blessing

\*Doxology – PsH 555 vs. 1, 3

*"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

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## Serving Today...

**Greeter:** Egon Gregersen

**Helping Hands:** Harvey Sypkes

**Nursery:** Sharyn Lodewyk, Don Wielinga, Lindi Bouch

## FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

...words are not enough to express my thanks for the phone calls, cards, food, offered help, and prayers provided by you during Sharon's illness and passing. Thank you for being such a caring church family. Gently, tenderly and patiently God will provide strength in the days ahead! **Tony Lindhout**

...**Melody McKnight's** mom passed away this past Tuesday. Pray for her and her family during this time of mourning.

...thank you to all who attended my shower a few weeks ago. Your generosity was overwhelming and we both greatly appreciate it. We also thank those who attended our wedding and for all the words of encouragement. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church community. **Matt & Steph Andersen** ...**Pastor Herman Salomons** continues to recuperate at home.

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

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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: Bob & Sharyn Lodewyk

**FOUNDATIONS II** today **4.00p**. We will be done at 6.00p!

**PLEASE NOTE** There is NO Afrikaans worship service today.

**LENT DISPLAY** We invite you to visit the Lent display located in the west hallway. Take a moment to read the poem, view the pictures and respond to what the presentation says to you.

### **EASTER AT FIRST CHURCH**

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.

**CHANCEL CHOIR** We begin our rehearsal on April 8<sup>th</sup> with a potluck dinner! The food request is as follows: Soprano/Alto – main dish/salad. Tenor/Bass – dessert. Buns and coffee etc will be provided. Looking forward to seeing all choir members again! *Dale*

**MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE** In our *Scripture, Prayer and Meditation* evenings we have had very personal and intimate conversations. Today you are invited in the Lenten season to be enriched by the blessed Word of God. *Pastor Jack*

**NOTICE TO PARENTS** We are kindly asking that all small children be restrained from playing in the sanctuary after the worship service. There are many items on the chancel that could cause injury if played with. The instruments are off limits as well. Thank you.

**FYI** If you have posters, info etc, that you would like displayed on the bulletin boards please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

**2009 FINANCIAL REPORTS** are in your mail slot today.

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

## *Youth Happenings....*

***-Foundations II*** meets tonight at 4:00p.

***-Acts of Light*** drama team meets Wednesday, 6.45-9.00p. ***Please note the time change.*** We are rehearsing for Easter and need the extra time! All Acts of Light participants are asked to come with **lines memorized**. There is no drama on April 7.

***-30 Hour Famine participants*** Please come to the church today at 4.00p for a famine kick-off! A World Vision rep will be meeting with us so please come for your fundraiser packet and to hear what World Vision is doing with the money you raise.

***-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](mailto:summerministriesjob@hotmail.com). Please include a pastoral reference.

## **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 Balmoral Bible Chapel.

**CENTRAL ALBERTA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL** is hosting its annual Fashion Show at the school, on Friday, April 23, 2010. Doors open at 6:30 and the fashion show will begin at 7:00 p.m. This year all proceeds will be donated to the Central Alberta Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. CACHS catering are providing delicious desserts and a Silent Auction will be taking place throughout the evening. Tickets are \$20.00 each, or \$140 for a table of eight. There are only 200 tickets available and deadline to purchase tickets is April 20th. For tickets

or more information, please contact Ann at the school @ 403-782-4535 or Sarah Sypkes @ 403.340.8373.

**RENOWNED PANFLUTIST** Liselotte Rokyta from the Czech Republic and Dutch-Canadian organ virtuoso Andre Knével are returning to Central Alberta as part of their Western Canada tour. The concerts will take place in the following locations:

Wed. April 14,- First CRC Rocky Mtn House, AB. (\$10 /pers-\$25 /fam.) Ph. 403.729.2770

Thurs. April 15,- Parkland Reformed Church, Ponoka, AB. (free-will offering)(8 km south on Hwy 2A, ½ km west on Spruce Rd.) Ph. 403.885.2782

Program will consist of improvisations, classical, sacred and gospel music. Net proceeds to a charitable organization.

**REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES** is excited to announce a new week of Camp geared to campers who are over the age of 55 or require a more relaxed camp atmosphere. Retirement/Seniors week will run from June 28 – July 2, 2010. We require a complete roster of volunteers, cooks, nurses, directors to serve between 15-20 campers. A group of retired, semi-retired individuals from your congregation may be ready and willing to serve in this capacity. Please contact Linda Rosendal for more information - [linda.rosendal@rehoboth.ab.ca](mailto:linda.rosendal@rehoboth.ab.ca). We also require volunteer counsellors to sign up for our regular weeks of Camp. July 3-9; 10-16; 17-23 (must be at least 16 years of age); and 24-30. If you have volunteered at Camp in previous years, please go to the Rehoboth website to the online volunteer application process. If you are a first time volunteer or would like more information about our camps, please contact Linda at [linda.rosendal@rehoboth.ab.ca](mailto:linda.rosendal@rehoboth.ab.ca) – 780-968-8483

**VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** A fun, competitive, co-ed (3 guys, 3 girls) VB Tournament on April 10 at CACHS gym. Cost is \$60/team and proceeds will go to charity. Call Jen Zuidhof @ 403.782.6672 by April 5 to enter your team.

**WORLD MISSIONS-HOME MISSIONS** - This year Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions have joined efforts to shine a spotlight on how God has used your partnership with us to bring the message of salvation to people in North America and around the world. From Easter to Pentecost, Home and World Missions will be focusing on our shared theme from Romans 1:16: Reaching Your Community and the World with the Power of the Gospel. To sign up for, or download a joint CRHM-CRWM devotional go to [www.crcna.org/powerofthegospel](http://www.crcna.org/powerofthegospel).

## **COUNCIL REPORT** – Tuesday, March 23, 2010

The first hour of the meeting was spent with Revs Len Batterink and Nick Wolmerans, both of Rocky Mountain House who met with us as the Classical Church Visitors. They asked some pertinent questions and were very encouraging.

Elsie McKinnon, our church treasurer presented and explained the financial statements for 2009. After all the receipts and disbursements were tabulated, our church was left with a positive balance of \$23,118, for which we can be very grateful. After some discussion Council decided to divide the surplus and give \$10,000 to Denomination Ministry Shares and the rest to the Maintenance Reserve Fund. Both of these causes are worthy of support. For the last number of years we have been well below the average of other churches in Classis in our support of denominational ministries. From the Maintenance Fund the Administration Committee has authorized the replacement of the east facing windows and the closing in of the window at the peak of the west wall of the sanctuary. One more major job needs to be done – that of replacing the 45year old flat roof over top of the Noah's Ark section of our facilities. This will cost approximately \$70,000 and possibly a little more if extra insulation is needed. Hopefully, with the enthusiastic support we have shown in the past in adding to and maintaining our beautiful facilities, we can pay as we go or, if it becomes necessary, keep borrowing to a minimum.

A preliminary elders and deacons nomination list was circulated to be finalized at our April meeting.

The date for the Congregational meeting was set for Wednesday, April 21.

Pastor Bomhof reported on the recent meeting of Classis:

- He is now serving on the Classical Interim Committee

- Rev. Howard Vanderwell of Grand Rapids gave an extensive report on the Faith Formation Committee of which he is the chair. This Committee has a 5 year mandate to grapple with the issue of the basis on which we welcome people to communion –on the basis of public profession of faith or on the basis of baptism? Hopefully the committee will help the church resolve this issue in a God glorifying manner.

- Delegated to Synod were Rev Dan Meinema and Henry Steenberg and Elders August Guillaume and Co Vanderlaan.

- The 100th anniversary of Classis will be commemorated with a special service on October 17 in the Winspear Center in Edmonton. In this connection Classis approved the establishment (in conjunction with Christian Stewardship Services) of a Legacy Fund. Thus, if you or your estate would, for example want to support, on an ongoing basis, Youth ministry at First church, a mechanism is now available for us.

Council has invited Classis to hold its October meeting in our facilities.

Council gave one-time permission to some of the cast members (professing members) to assist the elders in serving communion at the Maundy Thursday service.

Council was not able to finish all the Agenda items so we hope to finish the meeting on Tuesday, April 6.

*Pastor G Bomhof*

## **CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES**

New addresses:

**Peter/Bep Barthel**

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**Jeff/Jane Visser**

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T4P 0K7

New telephone contact:

**Cor Bruin**

403.986.3708

**Anne Pisesky**

403.986.3708

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

Mar	29	Gertie Teuling
	31	Kim Bakker
		Maria de Wit
Apr	1	Aafje Kooiman

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

**Greeter:** Roland Goulet

**Helping Hands:** Allan Andersen

**Coffee:** Connie/Leon Oosterhoff

**Nursery:** Chris/Corina Harden, Barb Thompson

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

<b>Today</b>	4.00p	Foundations II
<b>Mon</b>	6.30p	GEMS/Cadets
	7.00p	Friendship
<b>Tues</b>	9.30a	Coffee Break
	7.30p	Evening Coffee Break
<b>Wed</b>	12.30p	KEYS
	6.45p	Drama Team
<b>Thur</b>	7.00p	Maundy Thursday Communion
<b>Fri</b>	8.00p	Good Friday Tenebrae
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00a	Easter Morning Breakfast
	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.

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

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

First Church Ministry Budget  
Friendship

Future Offerings:

Apr 1 – Shalom Counselling

Apr 4 – World Missions

Apr 11 – Benevolent Fund

Our Giving – Mar 14/21:

Budget \$9,375.00

Hospice \$ 985.00

Mosaic House \$1,513.00

Jews For Jesus \$ 435.00