

# Come, Let Us Worship

Sunday, July 25, 2010

We extend a special welcome to guests who join us today! Pastor Evert Gritter, of New Life Fellowship Church, will bring the message today.

Children **ages 3 to grade 3** will be dismissed for *Summer 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 Song – “Psalm of Thanks”

Welcome/Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God’s Greeting

\*Hymns of Praise –

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” – PsH 504

“Majesty”

\*A Time of Friendship

Service of Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Song – “Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”

Assurance of Pardon

We Live God’s Way -

Song – “Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading – Matthew 18: 15-17; 21-22;

Luke 23: 33-35; John 20: 19-23

Message – **Forgiveness That Changes You**

\*Our Response – PsH 266

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

Pastoral Prayer

Our Tithes & Offerings

First Church Ministry Budget

Loaves & Fishes

\*Blessing

\*Doxology – PsH 630

“Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”

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*Serving Today...*

**Greeting:** Krista Dunstan

**Helping Hands:** Jim Seinen

## **FIRST CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

...thank you to the First Church family for the prayers, cards, flowers and expressions of love shown to us during our time of loss.

### **Al & Anita Andersen & family**

...**Louise Gregersen** spent the week in the Red Deer hospital waiting for a place in Edmonton where she is hoping to go soon for further medical research and possible treatment.

...**Laura van Zanten** will be going to Calgary this Wednesday for surgery. Pray that all will go well.

...**Albert de Wit** is recuperating and gaining in health and strength at home and is able to visit with his wife, Alice, in the Rimbey Extended Care Unit now and then.

...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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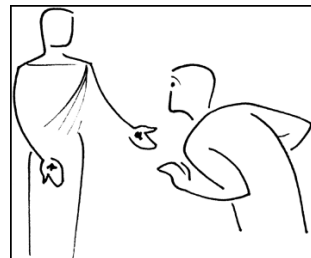


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## FIRST CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

**YOU ARE INVITED** to a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service. Your hosts today: Dale & Michelle de Wit

**WEBSITE** The First Church website is a good place to visit for info on future services, TODAY devotional, weekly bulletins; you can even listen to Pastor Gary! Now the library has a page where you get news of recent additions. Take a look at: [www.firstcrcreddeer.org](http://www.firstcrcreddeer.org)

**SOCCER CAMP COACHES** Make sure you are at the meeting TONIGHT with the Athletes in Action coaches at 6.20 pm! The meeting will be done by 8 and you will learn all the important information about the week ahead. Try your best to be there!

**SOCCER CAMP!** Soccer camp is starting tomorrow and we could use your help! If you could bring fruit or cookies that would be greatly appreciated! Fruit like: watermelon, grapes, oranges etc, can be dropped off any time during the day. Also, throughout the week, please remember to pray for the camps and the great things that are going to happen!

**PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE TODAY** at the kiosk in the west hallway: *Witteveen News*, *Credo Magazine*, *Shepherd's Guide*, *Russian Realm*.

### **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 Haynes Community Church.

**WITH PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD** the Rimbey Christian Reformed Church will be celebrating 25 years as a congregation. A banquet will be held on September 11 at 6.30p. A Celebration Service will be held on Sept 12 at the Rimbey Community Centre at 10.00a. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased through Rose Grutterink @ 403.843.6075.

**ROOM AND BOARD** Michael Werkman, a returning RDC student, is seeking room and board again for this coming fall. Michael is open to renting a room as well as he now has a car. His contact info: 780.995.1055 or 780.473.8729 or [mikewerkman@gmail.com](mailto:mikewerkman@gmail.com).

**ALTHOUGH NASHA** was brought up in a Christian home in Serbia; he found that life brought no joy, only punishment. He turned away from God at a young age.

At 17 years of age, Nasha met a Christian couple who showed him that God is a loving God, not just a God of judgement! They led him back to the church. He became so excited about the new insights he gained, that he decided to become a church planter. Since then he has planted three churches and is now working with his fourth church! Praise God for His faithfulness! Please pray for these fledgling churches, and for Nasha as he continues to minister in Serbia. [www.bibleleague.ca](http://www.bibleleague.ca)

**FAITH ALIVE** - Explore how YOU can be part of God's mission in the world! The new "In the Works" series from Faith Alive is ideal for small groups. Learn more about these exciting new studies at [www.FaithAliveResources.org/In-the-Works](http://www.FaithAliveResources.org/In-the-Works) or call 1-800-333-8300.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO LEAD A SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP?** Find out how a Worldwide Christian Schools HANDS (Help Another Nation Develop Schools) trip can have a long term impact on the lives of disadvantaged children. On Saturday, September 11, 2010, WWCS will host a workshop at King's University College in Edmonton to train those who are interested in leading a group of people from their church or community in the next 2 years. For more information and to reserve your spot please contact HANDS Coordinator Tim Bootsma at 866-360-4274 or [tbootsma@wwcs.org](mailto:tbootsma@wwcs.org) or Mark Wolthuis at 780-886-8412 or [mwolthuis@wwcs.org](mailto:mwolthuis@wwcs.org). Space is limited, so please RSVP by August 15, 2010.



## Today's Laugh

### **\$100.00 Please**

A boy, who wanted \$100.00 very badly, prayed for two weeks but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting \$100.00.

When Canada Post received the letter to GOD, Canada, they decided to send it to the Prime Minister. Prime Minister Harper was so impressed, touched, and amused (if you can believe it) that he instructed his secretary to send the boy \$5.00. The Prime Minister thought that this would appear to be a lot of money to the boy.

The boy was delighted with the \$5.00 and immediately sat down to write a thank you note to GOD that read: "Dear God. Thank you very much for sending me the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Ottawa, and as usual, they deducted \$95.00."

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

July	25	John Tensen
	26	Jim Terpstra Jason Venema Jada Harden
	27	Fenny Mlynarski
	28	Frank Brunner Peter Pierik Swancie Soley
	29	Ryan Kranenborg
	30	Ena Wamsteeker Adrien de Jong

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

**Greeter:** Dan Wind  
**Helping Hands:** Dave Bomhof  
**Coffee:**  
**Nursery:**

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

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

First Church Ministry Budget  
Loaves & Fishes

#### ***Future Offerings:***

Aug 1 – Benevolent Fund  
Aug 8 – Institute for Christian Studies

*Deer Dollars/Giving Envelopes are available in the church office immediately after the morning service.*

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

**Mon-Fri** 9.00a Soccer Camp  
**Wed** 9.00a Adult Day Program  
**Sunday** 10.00a Morning Worship

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

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

**Church office hours:** Tues – Fri; 9.00a – 3.00p unless posted otherwise.

