

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Chet Carlson

March 17, 2019

## 8:30 a.m. Service

### Prelude

\*Welcome & Greeting

\*Hymns of Praise

#271 "Standing on the Promises of God"

#247 "Spirit of the Living God"

### Announcements and Prayer

(4 yr. olds - 2nd graders dismissed for Children & Worship)

### Offering Our Gifts to God

Please sign the Connection Card during this time.

#Hymn

#335 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26

Message

"Transformed Week 5: Relational Health" ~ Pastor Chet

\*Benediction

\*Parting Hymn

#31 "Great is the Lord"

\* You are invited to Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for the Transformed Small Group Facilitated by Seth Severtson, our candidate for the Director of Discipleship & Care.

## 11:00 a.m. Service

### Prelude

\*Welcome & Greeting

\*Praise Songs

"Open Up the Heavens"

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

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\*Praise Song

"The Heart of Worship"

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\*Praise Song

"God Is Able"

\*Benediction

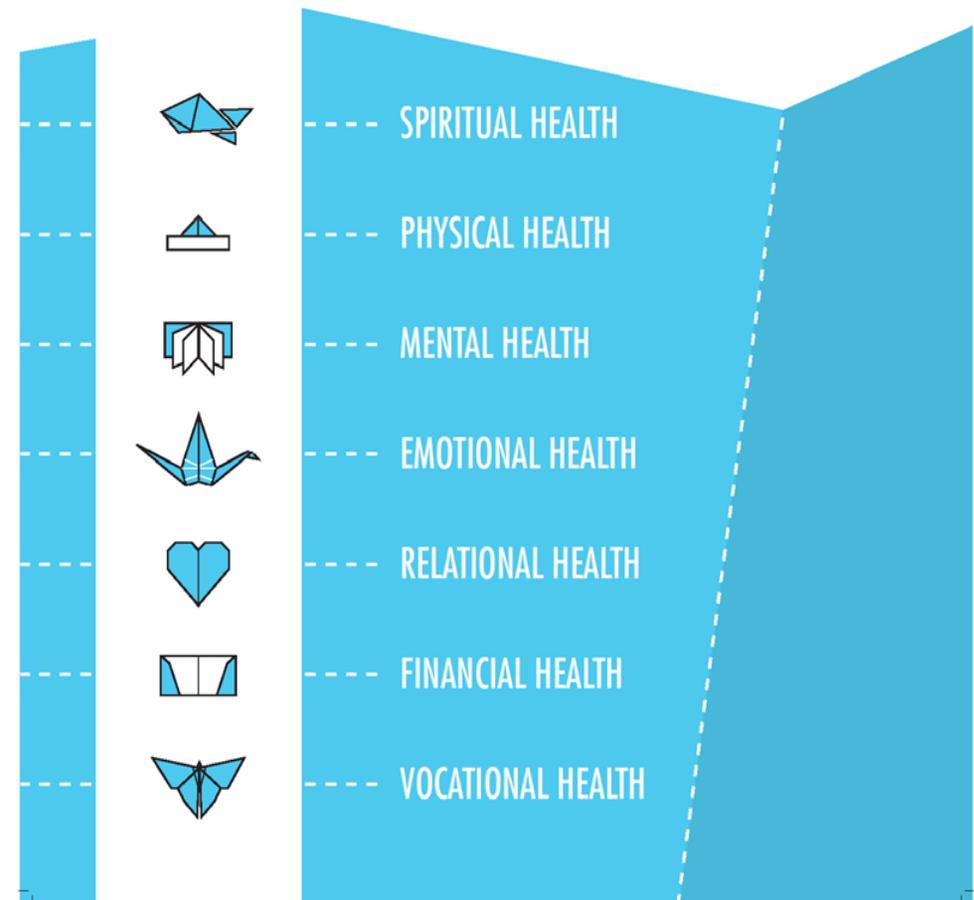


# TRANSFORMED

*How God Changes Us*

*Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .*

ROMANS 12:2



# WELCOME

First Reformed Church

March 17, 2019

## Welcome to FRC!

We are so glad that you are here! Our vision is to be a place where God is seen, love is felt, and lives are changed". We want to help you connect with this community and Jesus Christ in a fellowship that will transform your life. That's why we are in the middle of a seven week Church-wide spiritual growth campaign, called "Transformed: How God Changes us". We believe every area of your life matters to God and so it matters to us as well. Today we are in week 5 and we are looking at how God wants to transform your relational health. Relationships are complicated. Thankfully, God gives us the source of strength to form healthy relationships and it may not be what you expect. In John chapter 17 Jesus prays for all believers that we would be united by a radical unity that unites us beyond our differences and beyond our hard times in relationships. Jesus says, the secret to that source of relational health is the glory of God. Sure it's good to know someone's love languages, to practice daily habits, to learn to listen, to practice forgiveness, but the real secret tool that God gives Christians, the secret source of strength that Jesus gives believers is not a principle, but the power of God's glory to transform your entire life. If you want to be relationally healthy, you need to seek the glory of God in your life. I invite you to seek the glory of God in your life and relationships today and see how God transforms you going forward.

Excited to See What God Gives,

Pastor Chet

### Next Steps: How to get connected at FRC?

#### Step 1 Fill out a Connection Card

Please take a moment to fill out your connection card and place it in the offering plate or the basket at the back of the sanctuary at the end of the service.

#### Step 2 Sign up & Participate in a Small Group

7 Week "Transformed" Small Groups have started!

#### Step 3 Attend a Next Step/Welcome Orientation

#### Step 4 Join the Dream Team

### CONTACT US

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY – March 17th

Worship 8:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

Fellowship time following  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
"Transformed" small groups  
in fellowship hall 10:00 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY - the 20th

Love Bible study 6:15 p.m.  
Hope Bible study 6:30 p.m.  
Kids' activities 6:30 p.m.  
Youth group 6:30 p.m.  
Choir practice 7:45 p.m.

### THURSDAY—21st

Saints & Seniors Luncheon  
that was rescheduled from  
last week.

### FRIDAY - the 22nd

Blood Drive  
2:15-6:30 p.m.



### SEARCH & HIRING TEAM UPDATE:

Our Search Team is happy to announce that we have invited Seth Severtson, to the next and final step in the hiring process for the role of Director of Discipleship & Care. Seth is a regular here at FRC and has been actively involved in a number of ministries, including our education ministry teaching classes, leading our sermon based small group ministry, along with this, Seth has been involved in our Worship Leadership Team and other areas as well.

This morning during the fellowship time, Seth will be facilitating a Transformed small group in the fellowship hall. We invite anyone and everyone interested to sit in on this small group time led by Seth Severtson.

—Excited to See What God Gives,

Pastor Chet and the Search/Hiring Team

### FEATURES FOR THE WEEK:

#### \*\*\*Save the Dates

**Short term mission trip**, June 6-9th, to the Minneapolis area

**Power Connection** is set for July 26-28th. This is for middle school students, grades 6th-8th. There will be a parent Q & A meeting on March 27th at 6:30 p.m. Payment and registration are due by April 14th.

#### We are currently seeking to fill three part-time ministry positions:

Discipleship & Care Director, Worship Director, Youth Director. Pick up job descriptions at the 'Connection Center'. Applications due by March 20th.

### OTHER INFO:

Attendance March 10: 158  
General offering March 10: \$5,489.00  
Weekly offering needed: \$6,717.25

### PRAYERS FOR:

Gregg Hielema as he weakens, Travis & Melanie Pollard's unborn twins, Amy Hurt with chemo treatments, Traci - battling kidney issues & pneumonia

# MESSAGE NOTES:

## Transformed: How God Changes Us Week 5: Relational Health John 17:20-26

### What is a Healthy Biblical Relationship?

- **Healthy relationships are Grounded in God a shared Spiritual Identity, we are children of God. We are the Family of God.**  
“I have revealed you to those you gave me out of the world”  
—John 17:6  
Who you are according to God’s word is more important than who you are to the world. Healthy relationships are formed by our identity in Christ not in an identity shaped by our culture. It’s not enough to be a family. There are many unhealthy families out there. We need to develop a fellowship that is continually growing in grace and in truth of God’s Word and Will for our lives.
- **Healthy relationships are Growing in grace, in mutual Sanctification by God’s Word, and Truth.**  
“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth” — John 17:17  
God loves you just as you are, but God loves you far too much to allow you to stay that way. Healthy relationships encourage Christ-like character, they encourage Christ in you, but they also discourage those things in your life that are not a reflection of Christ.

### What is the Christ-centered secret tool to relational health?

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me”  
— John 17:20-23

### The secret Christ-centered tool to relational health is

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Glory is \_\_\_\_\_

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God’s Glory includes his incommunicable and communicable attributes.

### Traditional Definitions of Two Types of God’s Attributes:

- Incommunicable attributes: Attributes that God does not share or “communicate” with others. Examples include: Eternal, Immortal, Omnipresent, Infinite, Independence, and Unchangeable.
- Communicable attributes: attributes that God does share with us. Examples include: Spirituality, Knowledge, Wisdom, Truthfulness and Faithfulness, Goodness, love, mercy, grace, patience, holiness, peace and order, righteousness and justice, jealousy, wrath, will, freedom, omnipotence, power.

### What glory do we receive from God? \_\_\_\_\_

“In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy may be complete” —John 16:23-24

“I have made you known to them and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them” —John 17:26

### Start. Stop. Continue. Application Ideas:

**Start.** Start worshipping God together, start seeking God together in worship, in prayer. If the other person is not equally focused on seeking the glory of God: you need to seek the glory of God for them. Fix your eyes on the glory of Jesus until it changes and shapes you for the better, and then keep your eyes on Jesus and his glory throughout the relationship. Address the issues, don’t let issues simmer.

**Stop.** Sometimes you have to separate and go in different directions. Some people are toxic to your life and your environment. You need to know when to sow and grow your relationships and when to stop and drop them. Unfortunately, at some point you have to recognize that your journeys are going different directions and figure out what that looks like for you both and then act.

**Continue.** Continue wanting the best for your relationship and holding each other accountable for a healthy relationship. Continue practicing tough love. When someone in your life is going the wrong direction, it does them no good to give into their behavior. Stay strong. God is able.