

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 2, 2022 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

GATHEERED BY GOD'S GRACE

* **Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 90*

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.*

***Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

*A thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.*

***Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.***

* **God's Greeting**

* ***In Christ Alone***

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine.
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S PAST GRACE RECEIVED IN 2021

Scripture: *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Grace Greater than Our Sin

(Children 3 years–3rd grade are invited to Children's Church at this time.
Please use the front exit by the organ. Visitors are welcome!)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the seawaves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss:
Grace, that is great – yes grace untold
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *Refrain*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

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Prayers of Thanksgiving for 2021

Silent prayers from congregation

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Peace, Peace*

PETITION FOR GOD'S FUTURE GRACE NEEDED IN 2022

Scripture:

Psalm 5:1-2 (ESV)

¹ Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.

² Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.

Psalm 28:1-2 (ESV)

¹ To you, O LORD, I call;
my rock, be not deaf to me,

*lest, if you be silent to me,
I become like those who go down to the pit.
² Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,
when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands
toward your most holy sanctuary.*

Daniel 10:12 (ESV)

¹² Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation - *Prayer: God's Kind Condescension*

*** O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

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Prayers of Petition For Our Church's Future

Silent prayers from congregation

SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

All Glory Be to Christ

(A Love Offering for Youth Dynamics will be received at this time.)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ!

Refrain: All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above;
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! *Refrain*

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*** God's Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. **Amen.**

* ***To God Be the Glory***

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things he has done:
With his blood he has saved me;
With his power he has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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Prayer: Randy L

Music: Nancy Z, Sara K, Carol H

Offering is for Christian School Tuition Assistance. Christian School Assistance is used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

Love Offering Youth Dynamics, Tim is ministering to unchurched youth in the Everson/Sumas area, working through Youth Dynamics. For more information, visit www.yd.org.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.