

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 2, 2022 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 150:1-2,6*

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

* **Opening Prayer**

* ***We Sing the Greatness of Our God*** #338:1,3 (HFG)

We sing the greatness of our God
That made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies,
We sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne,
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

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* ***The Heavens Declare Your Glory*** #429:1,3 (PH)

The heavens declare your glory,
The firmament your power;
Day unto day the story
Repeats from hour to hour.
Night unto night replying,
Proclaims in every land,
O Lord, with voice undying,
The wonders of your hand.

All heaven on high rejoices to do its Maker's will;
The stars with solemn voices
Resound your praises still.
So let my whole behavior;
Each thought, each deed I do,
Be, Lord, my strength, my Savior,
A ceaseless song to you.

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* ***My God, How Wonderful You Are*** #499:1,2,6 (PH)

My God, how wonderful You are;
Your majesty, how bright!
How beautiful Your mercy seat
In depths of burning light!

How wonderful, how beautiful
The sight of You must be,
Your endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awesome purity!

Father of Jesus, Love divine,
Great King upon Your throne,
What joy to see You as You are
And worship You alone!

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Profession of Our Faith: *Our World Belongs to God*

**God remembered his promise
to reconcile the world to himself;
he has come among us
in Jesus Christ,
the eternal Word made flesh. He
is the long-awaited Savior, fully
human and fully divine,
conceived by the Spirit of God
and born of the virgin Mary.**

Offering: Christian Tuition

Evening Prayer

* ***Breathe on Me, Breath of God*** #420:1,2 (PH)

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way you love,
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.

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* **Scripture:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Proclaiming the Gospel this Year!*

* ***You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*** #360:1,2 4 (HFG)

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still He is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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* **God's Blessing**

* ***Go, My Children, With My Blessing***

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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