

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 1, 2023 ~ 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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S PAST GRACE RECEIVED IN 2022

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

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 2022

Silent prayers from congregation

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

PETITION FOR GOD'S FUTURE GRACE NEEDED IN 2023

Scripture: *Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)*

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation: *Filled with the Knowledge of His Will*

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 the Lighthouse Mission Building Fund will be received during this song.)

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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Offering will be received 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 will be received for the Lighthouse Mission Building Fund. The Lighthouse Mission Ministries is a privately operated, non-denominational Christian ministry that has been open 24 hours a day since 1923; it is Bellingham and Whatcom County's only walk-in crisis homeless shelter for men, women and children.