

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for December 18, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 18 - 10:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent

John 3:13-18 "The Reward of Christmas - But Have Everlasting Life"
(Pastor Robert W)

Sunday, December 18 - 6:00 PM

"A Traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols." (Pastor Robert W)

***** The Candle and Carols service on Sunday evening at 6:00 PM will also be livestreamed and available anytime in the Livestream Library! You are invited to share the link (<https://firstcrclinden.org/livestream/>) with family and friends that are not able to be at this service. *****

Sunday, December 25 - 10:30 AM Christmas Day

Matthew 1:18-25 "Joseph Monologue" (Pastor Robert W)

** No Children's Church

** No evening service

Sunday, January 1 - 10:30 AM - New Year's Day

Prayer Service for the Old and New Year (Pastor Robert W)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, January 1 - 6:00 PM

John 3:1-8 (Pastor Mike B)

- Nursery is available for children up to 3 years in the Education Building during the Sunday morning service.
- Children's Church is available for children 3 years–3rd grade.
- After the Morning Worship Service, join us for a time of fellowship.
- If you are unable to worship with us in person, we invite you to join us online. Our morning worship service will be livestreamed from our website (firstcrclinden.org) or can be viewed later from the livestream library.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- December 18 - Thereforego Ministries, a Christ-centered ministry that supports local churches in their youth ministry efforts across the United States and Canada. For more information, visit www.thereforego.com.
- December 25 - Building the Future

TITHES

You can give to the operating fund at any time; please use a blue envelope (additional available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

OFFERINGS CAN BE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING WAYS

Placed in the offering bag on Sunday, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off during the week (at the church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours), or electronically through a bill pay service or with Tithe.ly.

DEACON REPORT

The report from the deacons for November, which includes the breakdown of the Thanksgiving offering, is now available in your mailbox or on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

- Pastor Les V is declining in health and now on hospice care.
- Berny D is undergoing cancer treatment.
- Jeff S is recovering from back surgery.
- Ted S is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Dave L is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Mary V is healing from a broken shoulder.
- Ada V is at the Christian Health Care Center for rehab on her broken arm.

NEWS AND UPDATES

SINGERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY CHOIR

We are planning a Christmas Day choir and we need singers! We will have practice following the morning worship services on Sunday, December 18. Questions, contact Nancy Z or Ken Q.

CROSS CONNECTIONS NEWLETTER

The winter edition of the Cross Connection Newsletter is in your church mailbox now. Additional copies are available on the Welcome Center or in the church office.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Save the Date! We will be having a Senior Christmas Luncheon "Soup and Song" on Thursday, December 29 at 12:00 PM. Please sign up in the back of church or call the church office.

MOMS@1ST COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE!

These amazing cookbooks are available to purchase at the church office during office hours. Cookbooks are only \$20 and \$5 goes to New Way Ministries! They would be great for teacher gifts, Secret Santa and Christmas.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!

All women are invited to join us for a new Bible Study of the Book of Deuteronomy, *Make it Count - Move Past Your Past and Live with Purpose Today*. We will be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Loft for 8 weeks, starting on January 9. For more information or to sign up, contact JoAnn R. We encourage you to order your book soon as delivery will take a couple of weeks. JoAnn does have 2 extra books in case anyone would like to attend and have trouble ordering.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The study of Matthew will meet on Monday, December 19 at 10:00 AM in the Loft, and will study week 6. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

CADETS (1ST-8TH GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on December 19 from 6:30-8:30 PM for our annual Christmas party. Please dress warmly for caroling (do not wear your cadet shirt). We will have a gift exchange (\$10 limit); please wrap your gift. Pizza and pop will be provided for our dinner. Please arrive sharply at 6:30 as we will be leaving at 6:30 for caroling. If you have any question, contact Brian S.

PRAYER FOR AMERICA

The Pray for America group will meet on Monday, December 19 at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE MINISTRY)

We will NOT be meeting this week Wednesday, but we wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope to see you again after the holidays!

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