

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 12, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Nehemiah 9:5*

*Stand up and bless the Lord your God
from everlasting to everlasting.*

***Blessed be your glorious name,
which is exalted above all blessing and praise.***

Opening Prayer

Congregational Favorites

Profession of Faith: The Catechism of the Church of Geneva (1545)

1. What is the chief end of human life?

To know God.

2. Why do you say that?

**Because He created us and placed us in this world
to be glorified in us.**

**And it is indeed right that our life,
of which He Himself is the beginning,
should be devoted to His glory.**

7. How do we honor Him aright?

**We put our reliance entirely on Him,
by serving Him in obedience to His will,
by calling upon Him in all our need,
seeking salvation and every good thing in Him,
and acknowledging with heart and mouth
that all our good proceeds from Him.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee – Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Scripture: *Exodus 20:4-6 (ESV)*

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Worship and the Will of God, Part II*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

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God’s Blessing

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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Pastors: Mike B,
Music: Lisa Q

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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