

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 26, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Sing praise to the Lord, you His godly ones,
and give thanks to His holy name.

**Women: *Be glad in the Lord, you righteous ones,
And give thanks to His holy name.***

**Men: *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.***

**Everyone: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever!**

Opening Prayer

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

All praise to Him who reigns above in majesty supreme,
Who gave His Son for man to die, that He might man redeem!

Refrain: Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
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Blessed be the name of the Lord!

His name shall be the Counselor, the mighty Prince of Peace,
Of all earth's kingdoms conqueror, whose reign shall never cease. *Refrain*

("Blessed Be the Name" words W. H. Clark, refrain Ralph E. Hudson, music Ralph E. Hudson, harm. William J. Kirkpatrick, CCLI #358926 Streaming #20317932)

In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him

From the first bright light of morning to the last warm glow of dusk;
Every breath we take is sacred, for it is God's gift to us.

Refrain: In thanksgiving, let us praise Him;
In thanksgiving, let us sing
Songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord and King.

In the season of our plenty, in the season of our need;
We will find His grace sufficient, we will find His love complete. *Refrain*

Safe within His hand that guides us, hidden in His healing wings;
Day by day His love provides us every good and perfect thing. *Refrain*

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Give Thanks to God, For Good is He

Give thanks to God, for good is he: His love abides forever.
To him all praise and glory be: His mercy lasts forever.
His wondrous works with praise record: His love abides forever.
The only God, the sovereign Lord: His mercy lasts forever.

He helped us in our deepest woes: His love abides forever.
He ransomed us from all our foes: His mercy lasts forever.
Each creature's need he will supply: His love abides forever.
Give thanks to God, enthroned on high: His mercy lasts forever.

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Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 126

What does the fifth request mean?

**"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" means,
Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are,
any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us.
Forgive us just as we are fully determined,
as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.**

Offering: Benevolence Fund

Evening Prayer

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

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Scripture: *Matthew 6:12*

¹² *and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

Psalms 139:23-24

²³ *Search me, O God, and know my heart!*

Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ *And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Forgive Us Our Sins*

Our Father, Clothed With Majesty

Our sin and guilt do not record, but freely pardon them, dear Lord,
As we forgive our debts owed us by others who have been unjust.
Because of Christ's redeeming blood, may we all seek each other's good.

Into temptation do not lead; deliver us from sin, we plead.

Uphold us, Lord, and make us strong, resisting evil, ending wrong.

Against the darkness help us fight and, by your Spirit, do the right.

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God's Blessing

All Hail, King Jesus

All hail, King Jesus! All hail, Emmanuel!
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I'll sing His praises,
And I'll reign with Him throughout eternity.

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Lee VB

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