

First Christian Reformed Church

December 2023 News & Updates

Worship Services

Join us on Sunday at 10:30 AM and at 6:00 PM. For anyone unable to attend in person, worship services are live streamed on our website. Past services can be viewed on our livestream library on our website.

Tis the Season

Icy Parking Lot

It is that time of year when the parking lot can be slippery.
Please take your time and watch your step.

Education Classes and Nursery

NURSERY

A nursery is available in the Education Building during the 10:30 AM worship service, with a separate room for infants and toddlers.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is available for children 3 years-3rd grade during the 10:30 AM service. Children begin in the sanctuary and then are dismissed.

EDUCATION CLASSES

Education Classes for 3rd - 12th grades and adults meet on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 AM. Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 10, but anyone is welcome to join at any time.

**** Classes will end December 10 and resume again in January.****

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in Church Basement.
- **Infants – Kindergarten:** Childcare available in the Ed. Building
- **1st grade - 3rd grade:** Led by Stephanie R in the Ed. Building
- **4th grade – 5th grade:** Led by Andrew R the Ed. Building
- **6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen B in the Ed. Building
- **9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Mike S in the Loft

Prayer & Praise Items

DEALING WITH ONGOING MEDICAL ISSUES

- John M is undergoing kidney dialysis three days a week.
- Marsha M is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Kristi N is dealing with difficulty swallowing.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN CARE FACILITIES

- Cascade Christian Home – Amy B
- Lynden Adult Family Home - Vernon S
- Lynden Manor – Greta E, Agnes R
- Meadow Greens – Grace H, Andy VV
- Orchard Park – Eleanor and Carol Z
- Silverado Care - Jean VH
- Shuksan Healthcare –Kristi N
- Stafholt Nursing Home - Freda G

SHUT-IN MEMBERS who are struggling with health issues or the effects of aging and pray for those who need assistance and their caregivers.

PHASE III BUILDING as we seek God's wisdom, clear leading and sufficient provision for building our future.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM as we seek God's wisdom and guidance in the early stages of our search for a new associate pastor.

SUMMIT HOUSE is a discipleship program aimed at helping men and women who are having a difficult time establishing themselves in life, work, and the church. Bethel CRC and First CRC are partnering with Envision Mission on the first house for women, located on the Bethel CRC property. Houses for men are located in Bellingham and Lynden.

Council Notes

- Council approved the budget and agenda for the congregational meeting on December 5th.
- A report was heard from the delegates to classis. Paul Assink is the new treasurer for Classis North Cascades.
- The job description for the Associate Pastor was approved after some updates from the search committee and the elders.

Dates to Remember

- Saturday, December 2 - Children's Christmas Program Practice at 10 AM
- Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent, Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 10:30 AM
- Sunday, December 3 - Combined Advent Service at Third CRC, 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 5 - Congregational Meeting for 2024 Budget
- Saturday, December 9 - Children's Christmas Program Practice at 10:00 AM
- Sunday, December 10 - Children's Christmas Program, 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 17 - Carols & Candles Service, 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 24 - Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 AM
- Sunday, December 24 - No Evening Worship Service
- Monday, December 25 - Christmas Worship Service, 10:00 AM - Church Offices Closed
- Sunday, December 31 - Prayer Service for New & Old Years with Communion, 10:30 AM
- Sunday, December 31 - Evening Worship Service, 6:00 PM
- Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day - Church Offices Closed

Upcoming Offerings

- December 3 - Tuition Assistance
- Love Offering - First CRC Adoption Fund
- December 3 Joint Service - Christian Hope Association Food Bank
- December 10 - Missions and Outreach
- December 17 - Thereforego Ministry
- December 24 - Building the Future
- December 25 - Benevolence
- December 31 - Schering's' Bible Fund
- Love Offering - Eagles Wings

Volunteer Schedule

BUS DRIVERS

December 3 - Blaine K
December 10 - Galen L
December 17 - Hank R
December 24 - Robert S
December 25 - Bryan A
December 31 - Blaine K

GREETERS

December 3
• Sam & Kristin K
• Ben & Jill K
December 10
• Galen & Candace L
December 17
• Randy & Vicky L
• Jeff & Renee L
December 24
• Joan M & Janis Z
• Eric & Lori M
December 25 - Christmas Day
• Neil & Debbie M
• Larry & Joanne K
December 31
• Ryan & Fritzie E
• Jack & Wendi P

USHERS

December 3
• Ken Q, Ken H
December 10
• Landon T, Ryan E
December 17
• Neil M, John VW
December 24
• Fred Y, Kyle E
December 25 - Christmas Day
• Jake DH, Rich H
December 31
• Larry K, Alan D

SAFETY USHERS

December 3
• Ryan B, Nick S
December 10
• Jacob A, Gene T
December 17
• Darren G, Jason V
December 24
• Patrick J, Alan D
December 25 - Christmas Day
• Tabin B, Sid G
December 31
• Randy L, Brian K

VIDEO

December 3 – Jordan H
December 10 – Brand K
December 17 – Jeff K
December 24 – Brant H
December 25 – Jordan H
December 31 – Brandon K

COFFEE SERVERS

December 3
• Kara T; Joan A
December 10
• Tabin B Family
December 17
• Lloyd & Linda F
December 24
• Elvin & Anna Lee F
December 31
• Candace L; Arlene VR

BABY NURSERY

December 3
• Michelle T, Nathalie T
December 10
• Swandel E, Nathan VW
December 17
• Ardelle K, Lance VW
December 24
• Bev H; Carter A
December 25 - Christmas Day
• Jill K, Noah A
December 31
• Pam R, Miranda B

TODDLER NURSERY

December 3
• Michelle S, Easton A
December 10
• Mindy V, Aubrey B
December 17
• Kelsey G, Katlyn VV
December 24
• Debbie S; Brinley R
December 25 - Christmas Day
• Jenna K, Samantha T
December 31
• Jessica M, Makenna T

COOKIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

December 3
• Kari H, Crystal H
• Louise H, Marlys H

December 10

- Perlene H, Leanne H
- Dawn H, Molly H

December 17

- Bev Honcoop, Kara H
- Conie Hoolsema, Marilyn MC

December 24

- Kristin K, Jenna K
- Joanne K, Ardelle K

December 31

- Cheryl K, Sara K
- Candace L, Renee L

Birthday Calendar

December 1

- Jill K

December 2

December 3

- Joanne K
- Levi T
- Josh S

December 4

- Faith G

December 5

December 6

December 7

- Renee L

December 8

- Jacob A
- Marv H
- Tyce B
- Leah TV

December 9

December 10

- Carter A

December 11

- Darryl L
- Kyler H

December 12

- Lamar VG - 90

December 13

- Trinity V

December 14

December 15

- Norah M

December 16

- Dara W

December 17

- Helene Y
- Trace K
- Wes VP

December 18

- Brooklyn B

December 19

December 20

December 21

- Grace A
- Valerie A

December 22

- Anna E
- Harold H

December 23

- Cora S
- Carol P

December 24

- Jane S

December 25

December 26

- Cheryl K
- Jodi VS

December 27

- Brennen B

December 28

- Christine H
- Dan R
- Eric M
- Kim A

December 29

- Amy V
- Tessa B
- Kara H

December 30

- Cobie T
- Ethan T
- Josh B

December 31

- Robert S