

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

## Announcements for December 3, 2023

### WORSHIP SERVICES

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**December 3 - 10:30 AM** - First Sunday of Advent, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
*Luke 1:5-25 "Zechariah's Angel"*

**December 3 - 6:00 PM** - Combined Advent Service at Third CRC

**December 10 - 10:30 AM** - Second Sunday of Advent  
*Luke 1:26-28 "Mary's Angel"*

**December 10 - 6:00 PM** - Children's Christmas Program

**December 17 - 10:30 AM** - Third Sunday of Advent  
*Matthew 1:18-25 "Joseph's Angel"*

**December 17 - 6:00 PM** - Nine Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

**December 24 - 10:30 AM** – Fourth Sunday of Advent  
*Luke 2:1-20 "The Shepherd's Angels"*

**December 24 - No PM Service**

**December 25 - 10:00 AM** - Christmas Day  
*Revelation 12; 1 Timothy 3:16 "The Angel's Perspective of Christmas"*

- **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 during the morning service. Children are invited to leave during the service.
- **After the Morning Service**, you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the basement.
- **Join us online** if you are unable to worship with us in person. Worship services can be streamed at [www.firsterclynden.org](http://www.firsterclynden.org).

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### UPCOMING OFFERINGS

- December 3 AM - Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.
- December 3 AM Love Offering - First CRC Adoption Fund is for helping those in the congregation with the high cost of adoption. For more information on the adoption fund talk to any deacon.
- December 3 PM at Third CRC - Christian Hope Association Food Bank
- December 10 - Mission and Outreach Fund
- December 17 - Thereforego Ministry
- December 24 - Building the Future Fund
- December 31 - PIM Bible Fund
- December 31 AM Love Offering - Eagle's Wings

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Any tithes or offering 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 at church during the week
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through Tithe.ly

You can give to the operating fund of the church at any time; there is no scheduled offering time for this fund. Please use a blue envelope (additional available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the memo line.

#### DEACON REPORT

The November 2023 report from the deacons is now available in your church mailbox or on the Welcome Center. The thanksgiving offering totals for each cause is also included with this report. Once again we praise God for moving in the hearts of this congregation to give so generously at Thanksgiving.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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### PRAYER ITEMS

- **Eleanor Z** is in rehab after being in the hospital this past week.
- **Sara K** is recovering at home from gall bladder surgery.
- **Valerie A** is at home recovering from hip replacement surgery on Tuesday.
- **Marsha M** continues to undergo treatment five days in a row, every three weeks to treat bone marrow cancer.
- **Kristi N** is dealing with difficulty swallowing.
- **Andy V** is declining in health.

### PRAISE ITEMS

- **Lamar V** will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 12 and there will be cake in honor of Lamar on Sunday, December 10 following the morning service.

### THANK YOU

- Dear Brothers and Sisters at First Church, It was so good to worship with you earlier this year. We appreciate the warm welcome and the fellowship. Thank you so much for your continued partnership with us. God has used you to confirm that he still has a role for us in supporting Bible translation around the world. We count it a privilege to serve in this way. May God bless you with an awareness of his grace in this season of giving thanks. In Him, Ken & Chris

## NEWS AND UPDATES

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### COMBINED ADVENT SERVICE AT THIRD CRC

You are invited to join with area CRC churches for a combined Advent service at Third CRC on December 3 at 6:00 PM. The King's Men of Song will lead us in worship, and we'll sing familiar Christmas hymns. All are welcome! Offering will be taken for Christian Hope Association Food Bank.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2024 budget will be on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us for our Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 PM. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors for this wonderful service.

**\*\* Children and Parents \*\***

-- Kids from **3 years through 5th grade** are asked to leave during the morning worship service to practicing during the Children's Church time.

-- Saturday, December 2 - Full Rehearsal - 10:00-11:30 AM

-- Saturday, December 9 - Full Dress Rehearsal -10:00-10:30 AM

-- Sunday, December 10 - Program Night! Kids must be in costume and ready by 5:45 PM

### SHOPPERS NEEDED FOR MALL HUNT

The annual Mall Hunt for Tribe and Forged@First is coming on Wednesday, December 13. We are looking for 20 people -- of any age -- to dress incognito and walk around Bellis Fair Mall for a few hours, starting around 7:30 PM - you can even get your Christmas shopping done while you are there! If you are willing to help, contact us asap so we can create our Bingo sheet. THANK YOU!

### ANGEL AND GIVING TREE DONATIONS

If you would like to bless those less fortunate in our community this Christmas, you are invited to take an angel or a round, wood ornament and purchase the items listed. Please return UNWRAPPED GIFTS to church no later than December 15. These gifts will be distributed in Lynden and the surrounding area through Project Hope and the Christian Hope Association.

### VOLUNTEER LISTS

As a new year approaches, the lists of volunteers will begin to be updated. So many things in this church are accomplished by volunteers, and for these people we are truly thankful! If you would be willing to be added to any of the following volunteer lists, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the church office at 354-4560 if you would like to be added or removed from any of the following volunteer lists: Flowers, Nursery, Ushers, Sound, Video, Greeters, Cookies, Bus Drivers, or Drivers for John.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

### EDUCATION CLASSES

Education Classes for 3rd - 12th grades and adults meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

**\*\* CORRECTION - Sunday, December 10 is the final class of this session. Classes will resume in January. \*\***

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in Basement. *The Apostle John* is a series focusing on his gospel and Revelation.
- **Infants – Kindergarten:** Childcare available in the Education Building
- **1st grade - 3rd grade:** Led by Stephanie R in the Education Building
- **4th grade – 5th grade:** Led by Andrew R the Education Building
- **6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen B in the Education Building
- **9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Mike S in the Loft

### WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The study of *Good News: How the Four Gospels Point Us to One Person We Can Trust*. will meet on Monday, December 4 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. For more information about this study, contact JoAnn R.

### CADETS (1st – 8th BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on December 4 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

### MOMS@1ST (WOMEN'S MINISTRY)

Moms@1st will meet on Tuesday, December 5 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information about MOMS@1st, contact Carly V.

### ELDERS

The elders will meet on Tuesday, December 5 following the Congregational meeting.

### WORSHIP PLANNING

Worship Planning will meet on Monday, December 6 at 6:30 PM at Bev Honcoop's home. For more information, contact Nancy Z.

### TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us at Tribe on Wednesday, December 6. For more information about Tribe, contact Cal B.

## CHURCH INFORMATION

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### First Christian Reformed Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM