

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington

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*Announcements for December 31, 2023*  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

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**December 31 - 10:30 AM** - Old Year and New Year Prayer Service

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Ephesians 1:15-20 "Remembering You In My Prayers"*

**December 31 - 6:00 PM** - Guest Preacher - Pastor Don R

*John 8:12-20, 30, 48-59 "If Time Could Speak"*

**January 7 - 10:30 AM**

*Luke 2:21-40 "Wisdom and Grace for 2024"*

**January 7 - 6:00 PM**

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the 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 Service**, 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.firstcrclynden.org](http://www.firstcrclynden.org).

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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**UPCOMING OFFERINGS**

- December 24 - Building the Future Fund - - This fund in place to help finance future building projects of our church. For more information about this fund, talk to any First CRC deacon.
- December 31 - PIM Bible Fund
- December 31 AM Love Offering - Eagle's Wings
- January 7 – Christian School Tuition Assistance

**END OF THE YEAR GIVING**

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

**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 (at the church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours)
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly)

**PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS**

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**PRAYER ITEMS**

- **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.

## THANK YOU

- Our heartfelt thanks for the thoughts of love, care, cards and greetings shown to us by your 1st church family. To God be the glory. In gratitude and love ~ the VG Family
- Dear First Church Family, What a blessing all of you are to our family. We rejoice in being able to share this wonderful season with you. Thank you very much for all the cards, pictures, notes, goodies and gifts. What a great church family you are. We are looking forward to experiencing God's steadfast love and grace with you in 2024. May God richly bless each of you and your families. We love you. ~ Pastor Robert & Phama
- Thank you to all of you who helped make this Advent season special in so many different ways, from those who decorated the church, put up the lights outside, read the Advent readings and lit the candles, provided special music, put together the Children's Program, organized the Angel Tree, and many other ways behind the scenes. The use of your time and talents blessed us as a church family this Christmas season.
- Thank you to the Fellowship Team for putting on a wonderful luncheon for our senior saints. It was a blessing to all that attended.

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## NEWS AND UPDATES

### OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the church office will be CLOSED on Monday, January 1.

### 2024 BIBLE READING PLANS

For 2024, we will be reading through the New Testament. Printed copies of the plan for the year is in your church mailbox or on the Welcome Center and an electronic copy is available on our website. You can also find the January readings on the back of the January Monthly Memory Verse.

Another Bible Reading Plan option is to use a free online app; directions to use one option is:

YouVersion Bible App - A free online app for your phone or ipad is available on the app store. Follow the instructions below.

- a) Go to your app store (iPhone) or Play Store (Android)
- b) Search for "YouVersion Bible."
- c) Press install/get and then open.
- d) Create a free account and follow instructions.
- e) When the app opens, look at the bottom of your screen and for "Discover."
- f) Click and then on the top of the screen type "Bibleproject New Testament".
- g) Scroll down to "Plans" to find "BibleProject New Testament in a Year" (first icon).
- h) Click on icon. Press "Sample" to take a look or "Save for Later" or "Start Plan" to begin.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### EDUCATION CLASSES

Education classes will resume on Sunday, January 7.

- **Adults:** Led by Glenn G in Church Basement. *The Apostle John* is a video series focusing on his gospel and Revelation.
- **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

### MOMS@1ST (WOMENS MINISTRY)

We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 2 at 9:30 AM in the Loft. For more information about Moms@1st, contact Carly V.

## **ELDERS**

We will meet on Tuesday, January 2 at 6:30 PM in the Church Basement.

## **DEACONS**

We will meet on Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

## **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)**

Join us for our on Wednesday, January 3 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Cal B.

## **DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Join us for a study of 1&2 Peter and Jude, on Thursday, January 4 at 10:00 AM in the Ed. Building. Please prepare lesson 8. Servers are Cheryl R and Elsie D. For more information, contact Eleanor V.

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, January 6 at 7:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Patrick J.

## **TIRED AND RETIRED (MIDDLE-AGE TO RETIRED MINISTRY)**

Reserve Sunday, January 14 for a soup luncheon/potluck after the morning service. Come to the loft for soup, salads, desserts, and fellowship. Sign up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer. Any questions call/text Dawn H.

## **WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Our new Bible Study, *Keep Holding On: 30 Promises of God*, is a 6 week study. We will have "casual conversation with coffee" to walk through this wonderful study. Our first meeting will be Monday, January 15 at 10:00 AM in the Loft. If you would like a book (\$10 each), contact the church office. For more information, contact JoAnn R.

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## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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