

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 7, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 9:6*

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called:
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Opening Prayer

Let's Worship and Adore Him

Let's worship and adore Him, let's worship and adore Him,
Let's worship and adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

("Let's Worship and Adore Him" words traditional and music arranged by Tom Feltke Arr. © 1997 Integrity's Music and Word Music CCLI #558926 Streaming License #2031793)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

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The King of Glory Comes

Refrain The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King glory? What shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain*

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
He took upon himself the sin of the nations. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, st. 24, 28

**God remembered his promise to reconcile the world to himself;
he has come among us in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh.
He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine,
conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary.
Being both God and man,
Jesus is the only Mediator between God and his people.
He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior!
In him the Father chose those whom he would save.
His electing love sustains our hope:
God's grace is free to save sinners who offer nothing
but their need for mercy.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart; *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Luke 2:36-38*

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Anna in the Temple, A Life Well Lived*

Living for Jesus

Living for Jesus, a life that is true.
Striving to please Him in all that I do.
Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free.
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to You.
For You in Your atonement, did give Yourself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be Your throne;
My life I give henceforth to live, O Christ, for You alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary, my sin and disgrace.
Such love constrains me, to answer His call,
Follow His leading and give Him my all. *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

By the Sea of Crystal

Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone.
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Nancy Z

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On the bulletin, * indicates standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.