

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for November 10, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

November 10 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - Zac H *Ruth 1:15-22 "Finding Home: Ruth and Naomi's Path to Restoration"*

November 10 – 6:00 PM

Guest Pastor, Don R - *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 "Asleep on Enchanted Ground?"*

November 17 - 10:30 AM

Preaching - Robert W *Romans 8:35-39 "What Shall Separate Us From the Love of Christ?"*

November 17 - 6:00 PM

Joint Evening Worship Service at Third CRC

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the morning service in the Education Building.
- **Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the morning service.
- **After the Service**, join us for a time of fellowship in the basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- November 10 - Dustin & Melissa, Missionaries with Converge in Thailand
- November 17 - Building the Future
- November 24 - World Renew - Hurricanes Helene and Milton Relief
- November 28 - Thanksgiving Envelopes

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
- Dropped off at church during the week
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through Tithely

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 (available on the Welcome Center) or write "Operating Fund" on the memo line.

DEACON REPORT

The report from the deacons for October 2024 is in your mailboxes or on the Welcome Center.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Levi B** anticipates open heart surgery at Seattle Children's Hospital to replace a heart valve on Friday, November 8. Pray for Levi as he prepares for the surgery and for Dan and Elliott as they fly in to join Levi and Gail in Seattle.
- **Ken H** was in the hospital this past week due to a blood clot.
- **Bill F** is recovering from an infection and surgery to remove his gall bladder.
- **Cheryl R** is recovering from surgery on her esophagus.
- **Greta E** is recovering from pneumonia.
- **Al M**, mission partner in Belgium, continues to battle leukemia, infections and general weakness. He is back at home and has restarted his chemo treatments.

SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Randy & Kara H and family with the passing of Randy's mother, Judi H, on November 4.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- **Shirley R** will be celebrating her 91st birthday on November 11.
- **Jake D** will be celebrating his 80th birthday on November 14.

THANK YOU

- Thank you to the Fellowship Ministry Team for all the time and effort put into the Harvest Dinner. The First Church family and friends were blessed by the delicious food and time of fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CLOSURES

The church office will be closed this Friday, November 8 and Monday, November 11. The office staff will monitor emails and phone messages during this extended closure. If you have an immediate need, please contact your district elder or deacon.

All church buildings will be locked on Monday, November 11 in honor of Veteran's Day. If you or your ministry group need access to the church that day, please make arrangements before that day.

2025 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES

The church birthday calendar is being updated for next year. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries, please contact the church office at 360-354-4560 or info@firsterclynden.org.

CADET SELLING POINSETTIAS

The First CRC Cadets (1st-8th grade boys ministry) are selling poinsettias in 6" pots for \$15.00 each. The colors available are red, white, and jingle bell. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up Friday and Saturday, November 24-25, in the Ed. Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 19. To place an order, contact one of the Cadets or place your form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Feel free to join at any time!

- Adults: Led by Glenn G in the Church Basement
- 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

TRUTH PROJECT STUDY

All high school seniors and post-high young adults are invited to join Cal & Laura B and Glen B to study the *Truth Project* on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM in the Loft.

FORGED@FIRST (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited on Monday, November 11 at 7:00 PM in the Loft. For more info, contact Jeff & Renee L or Patty R.

MISSIONS PRAYER GROUP

All those interested in learning more about the people group we have committed to praying for and praying for them, join us on Tuesday, November 12 at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Room. For more information, contact Chris R.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

WORSHIP PLANNING

The Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 PM. Please check the schedule for your assigned service and be sure to have it into the office as we will be going through December 1.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 PM in the Loft. Please contact Cal B if you need more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, November 16 at 7:00 AM at Patrick's Home. For more info, contact Patrick J.

ROCK THE BLOCK WORSHIP NIGHT - NOVEMBER 17

Join us for a joint night of praise and worship with our community of Rock the Block churches (First CRC, Third CRC, and Sonlight) at Third CRC at 6:00 PM. This will be in place of our normal evening service.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on Thursday, November 28 as we gather to praise and thank God for the abundance He has given us this year. Please note the Thanksgiving Day service will begin at **10:00 a.m.** Childcare will be available in the Education Building.

Thanksgiving Offering - The deacons have put together a list of suggested causes for Thanksgiving that will be in your church mailboxes and available on the Welcome Center by November 17. They will hand out Thanksgiving envelopes on Sunday, November 24 following the morning service. Envelopes are also available on the Welcome Center. These envelopes will be collected during our offering time on Thanksgiving Day (donations can also be sent to church or given on the following Sunday). Any loose money collected on Thanksgiving will go to the Benevolence Fund. If you have any questions, contact any deacons.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2025 budget will be held on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A copy of the proposed budget will be in your church mailboxes on November 24.

Absentee ballots will be available starting November 20 at the Welcome Center or at the church office and must be returned in a signed, sealed envelope to council clerk, Brian V (mailbox O8), prior to the Congregational Meeting on December 3.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM