

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for November 17, 2024

WORSHIP SERVICES

November 17 - 10:30 AM - Preaching - Robert W

Romans 8:31-34 "If God is For Us"

November 17 - 6:00 PM - Joint Evening Worship Service at Third CRC

November 24 - 10:30 AM - Preaching - Zac H

Ruth 2:1-23 "Covenantal Kindness: Ruth's Redemption and Our Hope in Christ"

November 24 - 6:00 PM - Preaching - Bill R, Director of Light of the World Prayer Center

Philippians 4:4-8 "Thanksgiving"

- **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.firstcrcllynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- November 17 - Building the Future
- November 24 - World Renew - Hurricanes Helene and Milton Relief
- November 28 - Thanksgiving Envelopes, with undesignated money going towards Benevolence Fund

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 on Thanksgiving Day (donations can also be sent to church or given on a following Sunday).

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

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- **Jacob A** anticipates having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, November 19.
- **Beth B** anticipates having knee replacement surgery on Thursday, November 21.
- **Levi B** continues to recover from extensive open heart surgery to repair or replace 3 or the 4 heart valves and remove significant scar tissue. Since the surgery, Levi has had issues with his lungs and movement on his left side. Pray for continued improvement of his oxygen levels and movement in his arms and legs. Levi remains at Seattle Children's with Gail, but Dan and Elliott needed to return home.
- **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 Nov. 4.

THANK YOU

- It is with joy in my heart that I say thanks for all the care and concern I have been given to me these past weeks. I am most thankful to God for His healing in my body. Thanks again, Cheryl R
- Thank you to all of you who were concerned about and praying for our grandson and nephew, Dustin. He is making good progress following the liver transplant with plans to be discharged on Friday, November 15. Because he is a transplant patient, he will be required to stay in close proximity to the hospital for the next couple of months, checking in twice weekly at UW with his doctors.
~ Larry & Debbie S, Michelle & Mark T, Mike S
- The Helping Hands ladies just completed their 18th year. Their efforts provided 781 blankets, 1873 hats and 139 scarves to needy families throughout the world. Your generous offerings and prayerful support make this all possible. We appreciate all of you. To God be the honor and glory! God has richly blessed us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CADET SELLING POINSETTIAS – ORDERS DUE NOVEMBER 17

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 29-30, in the Ed. Building. Orders and payment must be received by Sunday, November 17. To place an order, contact a Cadet or place form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center.

ROCK THE BLOCK WORSHIP NIGHT - NOVEMBER 17

Join us this Sunday evening 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. Ken & Lisa Q and Andrew & Stephanie R will be involved in leading the service. This will be in place of our normal evening worship 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 Ed. Building.

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 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.

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. 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 study the *Truth Project* on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM in the Loft.

HELPING HANDS

All who love to sew, knit, or crochet are invited to join us this week Monday, November 18 at 1:00 PM in the Education Building.

CADETS (1st -8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)

We will meet on Monday, November 18 from 6:30-8:30 PM. For more info, contact Brian S.

PRAY FOR AMERICA PRAYER GROUP

Everyone is encouraged to join as we pray for America on Monday, November 18 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Prayer Room. All are welcome!

MOMS@1ST

We will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 9:45 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Carly V.

COUNCIL

We will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

GLOW (2nd - 6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)

All girls in 2nd-6th grade are invited to join us Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information, contact Kim A.

TRIBE (9th-12th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are welcome to join us on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 PM in the Loft.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION

Join us on Thursday, November 21 at 10:00 AM in the Ed. Building. Servers are Jennie B and Gertrude H. For more information, contact Helene Y.

TIRED AND RETIRED SOUP LUNCHEON

All those 40+ are invited to join us for a soup luncheon on Sunday, December 8 following the morning worship service in the Loft. RSVP and sign up to take a salad or dessert to share on the kiosk. For more info, contact Liz V.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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