

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
November 24, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 9:1-2*

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Opening Prayer

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,

Before the throne your praise I sing.

I worship in your holy place

And praise you for your truth and grace;

For truth and grace together shine

In your most holy Word divine,

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O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,

You reign alone in heavenly height;

The proud in vain your favor seek,

But you have mercy for the meek.

Through trouble though my pathway be,

You will revive and strengthen me,

You will revive and strengthen me.

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Give Thanks to God, for Good is He

Give thanks to God, for good is he:

His love abides forever.

To him all praise and glory be:

His mercy lasts forever.

His wondrous works with praise record:

His love abides forever.

The only God, the sovereign Lord:

His mercy lasts forever.

His wisdom made the heavens to be:

His love abides forever.

He spread the earth upon the sea:

His mercy lasts forever.

Praise him whose sun awakes the day:

His love abides forever.

The moon and stars his might display:

His mercy lasts forever.

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We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;

He chastens and hastens His will to make known;

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,

Sing praises to His name: He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, was at our side – all glory be Thine.

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Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God, Article 13

God directs and bends to his will

all that happens in his world.

As history unfolds in ways we only know in part,

all things—from crops to grades, from jobs to laws—

are under his control.

God is present in our world

by his Word and Spirit.

The faithfulness of our great Provider

gives sense to our days and hope to our years.

The future is secure,

for our world belongs to God.

Offering: World Renew – Hurricanes Helene and Milton Relief

Evening Prayer

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace

To me he hath made known.

Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love

Redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But "I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that he is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith
To me he did impart,
Nor how believing in his Word
Wrought peace within my heart. *Refrain*

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in him. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Philippians 4:4-8*

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Thanksgiving*

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festive banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

Go on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.

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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen.

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Pastors: Zac H, Bill R

Music: Nancy Z

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