

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
December 25, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service
Christmas Day

Advent Reading: *Matthew 2:1-2*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - GRACE

Prayer

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 9:2; II Corinthians 4:6*

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

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 citizens 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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Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Wisemen, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

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Ministry of Music: *Room in Your Heart*

Luke 2

Offertory Prayer and Offering: Benevolence

Offertory Ministry of Music: *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Scripture: *Revelation 19:1, 3a, 4-6, 15-16*

¹After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God."

³Once more they cried out, "Hallelujah!"

⁴And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" ⁵And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great."

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns".

¹⁵From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Hallelujah*

Hallelujah Chorus

God's Blessing

Glory to God (Ere Zij God)

Glory to God! Glory to God
In the highest, in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
To the people whom God delights in.
Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth
To the people, to the people whom God delights in.
To the people whom God delights in, whom God delights in.
Glory to God! Glory to God
In the highest, in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
To the people whom God delights in. Amen. Amen.

Ere zij God! Ere zij God
In den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
In de mensen een welbehagen.
Ere zij God in den hoge! Ere zij God in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde
In de mensen, in de mensen een welbehagen,
In de mensen een welbehagen, een welbehagen
Ere zij God! Ere zij God
In den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
In de mensen een welbehagen. Amen. Amen.

Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Readers: Zac, Alicia & Olivia H, Nicole K
Prayer: Mark T
Choir: directed by Ken Q
Music: Valerie A, Emily A, Paul A, Sharon A, Tessa B, Kara H, Carol H, Brian K,
Kaden K, Sara K, Ella M, Judy S, Lee V, Bill V

Offering will be received for the First CRC Benevolence Fund, used to help local people and families in times of need.

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