

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 5, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 149:1-4*

*Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!  
Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!  
Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!  
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.*

**God's Greeting**

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
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Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call,  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
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***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death***

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*Refrain:* O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

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***Amazing Grace (Our Chains are Gone)***

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*Refrain:* My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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## Call to Confession: *Psalm 40:11-12*

*As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;  
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!  
For evils have encompassed me beyond number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.*

## Prayer of Confession

### Assurance: *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger no crib for a bed; the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay; the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus: look down from on high and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay; close by me forever and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care; and take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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## Offertory Prayer

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## Congregational Prayer

### Scripture: *Jonah 1:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me." <sup>3</sup> But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Jonah: The Runaway Prophet*

### *How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

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## God's Blessing

### *Go Tell It on the Mountains*

*Refrain:* Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

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Pastors: Zac H  
Prayer: Kyle E, Brian V  
Music: Nancy Z, Mike S, Ben K

Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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