

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 26, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 111:1-3*

*Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.*

Opening Prayer

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

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One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next:
"Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts,
And our voice will join with theirs in the song.

We contemplate the splendor of the world your hand has made.
Far greater still the majesty we see in the Creator! *Refrain*

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love in every generation. *Refrain*

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Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created; Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created; for Thou art worthy, O Lord.

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Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead
he ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**I believe in a holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering: Benevolence

All Things are Yours

All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you.
And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.

"Give out of love," your Word commands, we are your head, your heart, your hands.
Your Word you underscore with deeds by using us to answer needs.

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Evening Prayer

Scripture: *Job 28:12-13, 20, 28*

¹² "But where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
¹³ Man does not know its worth,
and it is not found in the land of the living."
²⁰ "From where, then, does wisdom come?
And where is the place of understanding?"
²⁸ And he said to man,
"Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,
and to turn away from evil is understanding."

Proverbs 4:5-9

⁵ Get wisdom; get insight;
do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.
⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever you get, get insight.
⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honor you if you embrace her.
⁹ She will place on your head a graceful garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Get Wisdom: Wisdom Literature in the Bible*

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O, let the ancient words impart; *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

By the Sea of Crystal

By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand, myriads in number, drawn from every land.
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood, they now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne, and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."

God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things. Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Music: Ken Q

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