

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 16, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 104:1, 33-34*

*Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.
I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.*

God's Greeting

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! *Refrain*

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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.

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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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Cadet Litany

Leader: This year's Cadet theme is "Lead the Way". The Cadets are learning how God directs and trains them as leaders.

Cadets must be an example in Christian speech.

Cadets: Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. (Proverbs 4:24)

Congregation: We will encourage you to become good leaders by your example.

Leader: Cadets must be an example in their Christian conduct.

*Cadets: So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
(Matt. 7:12)*

Congregation: We will pray for you as you follow God's leading and serve in His kingdom.

Leader: Cadets must be an example, displaying Christian love.

Cadets: And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. (1 John 4:21)

Congregation: We will support you, enfolding you in God's love.

Leader: Cadets must show their Christian faith, in all areas of life.

Cadets: For we live by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Congregation: We will guide you as you follow God's commands.

Leader: Cadets must show purity in their lives.

Cadets: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matt.5:8)

Congregation: We will help you experience the joy of living a life of following Jesus.

Leader: Cadets, continue to learn and grow to be more Christlike in all areas of your life.

Cadets: And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Congregation: Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Timothy 4:12)

Cadet Landmarks and Year-In-Review

The Goodness of God

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me; all my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Refrain: All my life You have been faithful; all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire; in darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend. I have lived in the goodness of God. *Refrain*

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: First CRC Cadets

Congregational Prayer

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with You, lead me my whole life through.

I am weak and I need your strength and power to endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if You take Your hand from me, I am blind without Your light to see.
Lord, forever may I Your servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *I Timothy 4:12, 15-16*

¹² *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

¹⁵ *Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.* ¹⁶ *Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Lead the Way, Set an Example*

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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God's Blessing

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done:
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
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Music: Lee VB

Offering will be received for the First/Bethel CRC Cadets, a ministry in boys in 1st-8th grade, led by Brian Stokes and other men from First CRC and Bethel CRC.

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