

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 2, 2025 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 32:8,11*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

Opening Prayer

Rejoice, O Pure in Heart

Rejoice, O pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Still lift your standard high, still chanting as you go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

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Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul!
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain: Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high;
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain*

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Gentle Shepherd

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need You to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need Your strength from day to day.
There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need You to help us find our way.

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Profession of Faith: *Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit

Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit! How I need your help divine!
In the way of life eternal, keep, O keep this heart of mine.

Refrain: Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit, Gracious Teacher, Friend divine!
For the kingdom work that calls me, O prepare this heart mine.

Grant to me Your sacred presence; then my faith will ne'er decline.
Comfort me and help me onward; fill with love this heart of mine. *Refrain*

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Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-7

- ¹ *The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:*
- ² *To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight,*
- ³ *to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity;*
- ⁴ *to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth—*
- ⁵ *Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance,*
- ⁶ *to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles.*
- ⁷ *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 3:5-7

- ⁵ *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*
- ⁶ *In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*
- ⁷ *Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.*

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 16:3, 9

- ³ *Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.*
- ⁹ *The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.*

Proverbs 22:3

- ³ *The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible - Proverbs

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

Teach me Your Way, O Lord, teach me Your way!
Your guiding grace afford, teach me Your way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith less by sight;
Lead me with heavenly light, teach me Your way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me Your way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me Your way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me Your way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way!
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me Your way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me Your way!

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God's Blessing

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing – you are my own.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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