

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

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## *Announcements for November 16, 2025*

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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#### **November 16 - 10:30 AM**

Preaching - Robert W  
*Romans 12:16-19* "Seek Peace, Not Evil"

#### **November 16 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Robert W  
*Zechariah 1:1-6, 16-17; 9:9; 12:10; 13:1* "A Walk Through The Bible: Zechariah"

#### **November 23 - 10:30 AM**

Preaching - Robert W  
*Romans 12:19-21* "Overcome Evil With Good"

#### **November 23 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Robert W  
*Malachi 1:1, 6; 11-14; 3:6-10; 4:5* "A Walk Through The Bible: Malachi"

#### **Thursday, November 27 ~ Thanksgiving Day – 10:00 AM**

Preaching - Robert W  
*Psalms 105:1-11, 43-45* Thanksgiving Math and History

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the morning service in the Education Building.
- **Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the morning service.
- **After the Service**, join us for a time of fellowship on the church lawn or in the basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at [www.firstcreclynden.org](http://www.firstcreclynden.org).

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **November 16** – Building the Fund is always in place to fund future building projects of our church. For more information, talk to any member of the Phase III Team.
- **November 23** – Street Ministry/Bucket Boys
- **November 27, Thanksgiving Day** – Thanksgiving Envelopes
- **November 30** – Mission and Outreach

#### PHASE III BUILDING PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge cards for the Phase III Building Plan are available on the Welcome Center and at the link below. The cards have details about pledges and the financial matters of the building project on one side and a place to put your pledge information on the other side. Please return pledge cards to Paul A (box A9) by the end of November.

#### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The deacons have put together a list of suggested causes for Thanksgiving that will be in your church mailboxes and available on the Welcome Center by November 16. They will hand out Thanksgiving envelopes on Sunday, November 23 following the morning service. Envelopes are also available on the Welcome Center. These envelopes will be collected on Thanksgiving Day (donations can also be sent to church or given on a following Sunday). Any loose money collected on Thanksgiving Day will go to the First CRC Operating Fund.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### BIRTHDAY

- Jake D celebrated his 81st birthday on Friday, November 14.

### PRAYER ITEMS

- Brian K continues to recover at home following surgery last week.
- Brent H has been in the hospital following a work accident. He has had four surgeries to repair crushed leg, probably more surgery in weeks ahead, and a long recovery.
- Willie A continues to deal with weakness and is now on hospice.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSURE AND BULLETIN DEADLINE

The church offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 28. All announcements need to be to the church office by Tuesday, November 25. Thank you!

### THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us on Thursday, November 27 as we gather to praise and thank God for the abundance He has given us this year. Please note the Thanksgiving Day service will begin at **10:00 AM**. Childcare will be available in the Ed. Building.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting to approve the 2026 budget will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. A copy of the proposed budget will be in your church mailboxes on November 23.

**Absentee ballots** will be available starting November 23 at the Welcome Center or at the church office and must be returned in a signed, sealed envelope to council clerk, Rich H, prior to the Congregational Meeting on December 2.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us for our Children's Christmas Program, "Amazing Maze" on Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 PM. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors for this wonderful service.

#### **\*\* Children and Parents \*\***

- Kids from **3 years through 5th grade** are asked to leave during the morning worship service to practicing during the Children's Church time starting Sunday, November 16.
- Saturday, December 6 - Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM
- Saturday, December 13 - Full Dress Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM, Pizza will be provided following rehearsal
- Sunday, December 14 - Program Night! Kids must be in costume and be ready by 5:45 PM

For more information, contact Stephanie R.

### 2026 BIRTHDAY CALENDAR UPDATES

The church birthday calendar is being updated for next year. If you have any corrections, additions, deletions or any 80+ birthdays or significant anniversaries, please contact the church office.

### DRIVERS FOR JOHN M

We again are looking for a few more drivers to help take John Mead to dialysis on Tuesday and Thursdays afternoon. You need to be at Meads by 4:15 pm. John will need to be dropped off at Davita Kidney Care/Mt. Baker Kidney Center (410 Birchwood Ave Suite 100, Bellingham). Karen will pick up John from dialysis. If you are willing to help once or more please contact the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this ministry.

### WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR NORTHWEST HISPANIC MINISTRY

Joe S with Northwest Hispanic ministries and Amor Viviente Church is asking for winter coats for all ages as they seek to minister to and serve the minority community in Bellingham and Whatcom County. There is a box in the reception area by the church office.

## **CADET SELLING POINSETTIAS**

The Cadets (1st-8th grade boys ministry) are selling poinsettias (red, white, and jingle bell) in 6" pots for \$15.00 each. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up Friday and Saturday, November 28-29, in the Ed. Building. **Orders and payment must be received by November 17.** To place an order, contact one of the Cadets or place your form and payment in the box on the Welcome Center.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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### **MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, November 15 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

### **EDUCATION HOUR**

Education Classes are on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Feel free to join any of these at any time!

**Adults:** Led by Pastor Zac and Robert S in the Church Basement

**Infants – Kindergarten:** Childcare available in the Education Building

**1st grade – 3rd grade:** Led by Stephanie R in the Education Building

**4th grade – 5th grade:** Led by Andrew R the Education Building

**6th grade – 8th grade:** Led by Glen B in the Education Building

**9th grade – 12th grade:** Led by Mike S in the Loft

### **CADETS (1st-8th GRADE BOYS MINISTRY)**

All boys in 1st -8th grade are invited to Cadets this Monday, November 17 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Church Basement. For more information, contact Brian S.

### **PRAYER FOR AMERICA**

All those interested in praying for America are invited to join us on Monday, November 17 at 7:00 PM. in the Education Building. For more information, Melissa N.

### **MOMS@FIRST**

We will meet on Tuesday, November 18 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy V.

### **COUNCIL**

The Council will meet on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 PM in the Council Room.

### **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Join us for prayer on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick.

### **GLOW (2nd-6th GRADE GIRLS MINISTRY)**

We will meet on Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Education Building. For more information about GLOW, contact Melissa N or Alicia H.

*\*\* All ladies are welcome to join us for a lesson or a craft/activity, especially moms of GLOW girls! For more information about helping out, contact Melissa or Alicia.*

### **WORSHIP PLANNING**

We will meet on Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

### **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)**

All high school students are invited to join us for on Wednesday November 19 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. If you have any questions about this event or about the Tribe Ministry, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

### **DAUGHTERS OF ZION - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

We will meet on Thursday, November 20 at 10:00-11:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers are Jennie B and Gert H. If you have any questions, please contact Helene Y.

### **MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men of any ages are welcome to join us; we meet the first and third Thursdays of the month.

## **YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

*Boundaries: When to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life* by Cloud and Townsend will meet on Sunday, November 23 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. in the Loft. This is for young adults out of high school. If you have questions, please contact Cal B.

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## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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8:30 AM – 12:30 PM