

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
November 23, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 146:1-2, 10*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

***I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.***

*The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.*

***Praise the Lord!***

**God's Greeting**

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home:  
All is safely gather'd in, ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we, wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

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***In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him***

From the first bright light of morning to the last warm glow of dusk;  
Every breath we take is sacred, for it is God's gift to us.

*Refrain:* In thanksgiving, let us praise Him; in thanksgiving, let us sing  
Songs of praise and adoration to our gracious Lord and King.

In the season of our plenty, in the season of our need;

We will find His grace sufficient, we will find His love complete. *Refrain*

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***Give Thanks***

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

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**Call to Confession and Preparation:** *Isaiah 1:18*

*Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *John 3:16-17*

***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.  
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.***

## ***Jesus, Lover of My Soul***

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, oh, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
Vile and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

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## **Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** First CRC Street Ministry

## **Congregational Prayer**

### ***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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### **Scripture:** *Romans 12:19-21*

<sup>19</sup> *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."* <sup>20</sup> *To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."* <sup>21</sup> *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Overcome Evil with Good*

### ***Speak, O Lord***

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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## **God's Blessing**

### ***Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me***

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W  
Prayer: Dustin H, Larry K  
Music: Paul A, Brad H, Kaden K, Cynthia U, Jonathan U, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for First CRC Street Ministry, a ministry of men from our congregation who work alongside Envision Mission sharing the gospel, prayer, food and clothing with the homeless community in Bellingham.

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

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