

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

Advent Reading: from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 19

How do you come to know the good news of Jesus Christ?

The holy gospel tells me. God himself began to reveal the gospel already in paradise.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Prayer

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 60:1-3*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

***For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.***

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

God's Greeting

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,

For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

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Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel; this, the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem, promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High, in a manger laid. Lift your voices and now proclaim,
"Great and glorious, Love has come to us." Join now with the hosts of heaven.

Come we to welcome Emmanuel; King who came with no crown or throne.

Helpless he lay, the Invincible, Maker of Mary, now Mary's Son.

Oh, what wisdom to save us all! Shepherds, sages before him fall.

Grace and majesty, what humility! Come, on bended knee, adore Him. Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 59:1-2*

*Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Redeeming Love*

From God's heaven to a manger, from great riches to the poor, came the holy Son of God, a little Child;
From the azure halls of heaven to a lowly manger stall, Jesus came, and here He gave His life for all.

Refrain: Redeeming love, a love that knows no limit; redeeming love, a love that never dies;
My soul shall sing throughout the endless ages the adoration of this great love on high.

From a loving heavenly Father, to a world that knew Him not, came a man of sorrows, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
In my wandering Jesus found me, touched my life with His great love, and this Babe has grown to be my sovereign Lord.

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

A Communion Hymn for Christmas

Gathered 'round Your table on this holy day, viewing Bethl'hem's stable we rejoice and pray.
Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed; weep to see You dying in our sinful stead.

With profoundest wonder we Your body take – laid in manger yonder, broken for our sake.
Hushed in adoration we approach the cup; Bethl'hem's pure oblation freely offered up.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Jesus Strong and Kind*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Genesis 3:15*

¹⁵ *I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."*

Isaiah 46:9-10

⁹ *Remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Covenant of Adam – Promise of Redemption*

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now, the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of man;
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

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God's Blessing

Go, Tell It on the Mountains

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountains, that Jesus Christ is born!

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W
Readers: Galen L, Mary L
Prayer: Brian K, Tim VV
Music: Kaylee B, Nancy Z, Mike S, Cheryl K, Cynthia U, Jonathan U

Offering will be received for the Missions and Outreach Fund, used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed during the worship 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.