

# First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

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## *Announcements for November 30, 2025*

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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#### **November 30 - 10:30 AM - First Sunday of Advent**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Preaching - Robert W

*Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 46:9-10* "The Covenant with Adam - Promise of Redemption"

#### **November 30 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Zac H

*Mark 4:35-41* "Held by the One We Accuse: Grace for Fearful Hearts"

#### **December 7 - 10:30 AM - Second Sunday of Advent**

Preaching - Robert W

*Genesis 12:1-3* "The Covenant with Abraham - Promise of Blessing to the Nations"

#### **December 7 - 6:00 PM - Joint Worship Service at Third CRC**

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the morning service in the Ed. 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 in the basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at [www.firstcrelynden.org](http://www.firstcrelynden.org).

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **November 30 – Mission and Outreach**, 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.
- **December 7 - Christian School Tuition Assistance**, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Any tithes or offering can be given the following ways:

- Placed in the offering bag on Sunday
- Mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264)
- Dropped off at church during the week (at the church office during office hours or in the outside locking mailbox after hours)
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through [Tithe.ly](http://Tithe.ly)

You can give to the operating fund of the church at any time; there is no scheduled offering time for this fund. *Please use either the blue or green envelopes or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.* Note - green envelopes are just older envelopes the deacons are using up - they will be counted as part of the Operating Fund, even though they are labeled as Ministry Shares.

#### 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 (church mailbox - A9) by the end of November.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### SYMPATHY

- We extend our sympathy to Vicky D with the passing of her brother-in-law, Dick D.
- A memorial service for Willie A will be at First CRC on Wednesday, December 3 at 11:00 AM.

### PRAYER ITEMS

- Grace H has moved to a rehab center on Cordata to recover from her hip replacement surgery.
- Jacob B is at St. Joseph hospital for kidney issues. Pray for Jacob and Melinda as they make decisions about future care and housing.
- Joshua M (17), son of Marita, is at St. Joseph hospital being treated for a serious viral infections. He is improving and hopes to be home on Monday.
- Valerie A is at home recovering following successful hip replacement surgery.
- Sharon V anticipated coming home from rehab this weekend.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Christmas Season at First CRC

- Saturday, Nov. 29 - 1:30 PM --- Women's Fellowship Time
- Sunday, Nov. 30 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service,  
First Sunday of Advent,  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Tuesday, Dec. 2 - 8:30 AM --- Nativity Set-up
- Wednesday, Dec. 3 - 6:30 PM --- GLOW Christmas Event
- Saturday, Dec. 6 - 10:00 AM --- Children's Program Practice
- Saturday, Dec. 6 - 6:00 PM --- NW Lighted Christmas Parade,  
Hot Chocolate at First CRC
- Sunday, Dec. 7 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service,  
Second Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 7 - 6:00 PM --- Joint CRC Christmas Worship  
at Third CRC
- Monday, Dec. 8 - 7:00 PM --- Forged@1st Christmas Party
- Saturday, Dec. 13 - 10:00 AM --- Children's Christmas Program  
Dress Rehearsal
- Sunday, Dec. 14 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service,  
Third Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 14 - 6:00 PM --- Children's Christmas Program
- Monday, Dec. 15 - 6:30 PM --- Cadet Christmas Party
- Wednesday, Dec. 17 - 7:30 PM --- Tribe Christmas Party
- Sunday, Dec. 21 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service,  
Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 21 - 6:00 PM --- Carols and Candles Service
- Thursday, Dec. 25 - 10:00 AM --- Christmas Day Service
- Sunday, Dec. 28 - 10:30 AM --- Worship Service  
\*\* Note, no PM Worship Service
- Sunday, Jan. 4 - 10:30 AM --- Old Year/New Year Service,  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## **POINSETTIA PICK UP**

Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday and Saturday, November 28-29 in the Education Building for anyone who does not have arrangement made with the Cadets for delivery.

## **WOMEN'S PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTMAS TIME**

All First CRC Ladies are invited to join together Saturday November 29, 1:30 PM, in the Church Basement, for a time dedicated to prayer, fellowship, dessert, and signing Christmas cards for our shut-ins! Let's start the Christmas season with a dedicated time of prayer, fellowship and service with the Lord. All ladies are invited, whether you are in high school, college, single, married...you have a place at the table. For more information, contact Melissa N.

## **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 - Dress Rehearsal, 10:00-11:30 AM, Pizza provided following rehearsal
- Sunday, December 14 - Program Night! Kids must be in costume and be ready by 5:45 PM

### **Student Musicians Wanted!**

We are looking for student musicians willing to play for the prelude before the Christmas program. If you or your student has a piece they would be willing to share, please contact Stephanie!

For more information or if you have any questions about the program, contact Stephanie R.

## **NATIVITY SET-UP**

Volunteers Needed -- A crew will be setting up the nativity display on **Tuesday, December 2 around 8:30 a.m.** If you are available, could you lend a hand? All help is appreciated and the crew could really use some more hands to set up the display!

## **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 is available on the Welcome Center.

**Absentee ballots** are available at the Welcome Center and must be returned in a signed, sealed envelope to council clerk, Rich H, prior to the Congregational Meeting on December 2.

## **LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The NW Lighted Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 6 at 6:00 PM. The church will be offering hot chocolate at the church so you can stay warm while watching the festivities.

## **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.

## **WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR NORTHWEST HISPANIC MINISTRY**

Joe 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.

## **GIVING TREE FOR PROJECT HOPE**

Our annual Giving Tree (formerly Angel Tree) is decorated in the back of church. Please purchase one or more new items for the lists. Bring unwrapped items by **Monday, December 15** to church or Project Hope.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### 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 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

\* No High School class on November 30 - students are welcome to join the adult class in the basement.

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

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

### EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM

The Education Ministry Team will meet on Monday, December 1 at 6:30 PM in the Education Building.

### MOMS@FIRST

We will meet on December 2 from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy V.

### ELDERS

The First CRC Elders will meet on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM in Church Basement.

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

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

GLOW Girls and leaders will meet on Wednesday, December 3 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Education Building for a Christmas event. For more information, 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, December 3 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

### DEACONS

The First CRC Deacons will meet on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM in Council Room.

### TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

All high school students are invited to join us for on Wednesday, December 3 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**

The Daughters of Zion will meet on Thursday, December 4 at 10:00-11:00 AM in the Education Building. Servers are Doris B and Arlene V. If you have questions, contact Helene Y.

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

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, December 4 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.

### **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, December 6 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick Jones.

### **YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Boundaries: When to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life by Cloud and Townsend will meet on Sunday, December 7 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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