

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for December 7, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES

December 7 - 10:30 AM Second Sunday of Advent

Preaching - Robert W

Genesis 12:1-3; 22:17-18 "The Covenant with Abraham - Promise of Blessing to the Nations"

December 7 - 6:00 PM

Joint Worship Service at Third CRC

Kings Men of Song

December 14 - 10:30 AM Third Sunday of Advent

Preaching - Robert W

Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 4:13, 9:9-11 "The Covenant with Moses - Promise of Righteousness"

December 14 - 6:00 PM

Children's Christmas Program "The Amazing Christmas Maze"

- **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**, you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the church basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrlcynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **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.
- **December 7 PM - Service at Third CRC: International Christian Response**, an agency that mobilize spiritual and material support to encourage persecuted Christians to persevere and proclaim the gospel.
- **December 14: Charles & Hansel - Resonate**
- **December 21: Eric & Penny**
- **December 25 - Christmas Day: Benevolence Fund**
- **December 28: Building the Future Fund**

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
- Dropped off at church during the week
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through 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.

END OF THE YEAR GIVING

If you would like to make contributions to the church before the end of the year, you can put it in the offering bag, give it to one of the deacons, or give it to the church office no later December 31 or post marked by December 31.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER ITEMS

- Paul M is at Skagit Valley Hospital for breathing issues. He hopes to return home this weekend.
- Joshua M (17), son of Marita, is recovering from viral meningitis.
- Grace H has moved to North Cascade Health and Rehab Center in Bellingham.
- Jacob B has moved to Lakeside Gardens Adult Family Home on the south side of Wiser Lake.
- Sharon V has returned home after a time in rehab.
- Valerie A is at home recovering following successful hip replacement surgery.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- Lamar V will be celebrating his 92nd birthday on December 12.

THANK YOU

- Dear First CRC, what a joy it was to hear of your generosity toward the saints on the Mount Baker Hwy through the October offering for Bethany! We praise God for, and truly rely upon your partnership! To God be the glory! - Pastor Aaron D

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMBINED ADVENT SERVICE

Join us on Sunday, December 7 for a combined Advent service at Third CRC led by King's Men of Song. The service will start at 6:00 PM. Come for a time of worship, singing, and fellowship. The evening's offering will go to help the International Christian Response. We look forward to worshipping with you!

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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Tuesday, December 2 at the congregational meeting, the 2026 Budget was approved.

MALL HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First CRC Youth Ministry needs volunteers to "hide" at Bellis Fair Mall for the youth group kids to find in our Bingo-style mall hunt. Join us for this fun, multi-generational event on Wednesday, December 17 from 7:30-8:30 PM. Do some Christmas shopping while the kids look for you and get your signature on their Bingo boards. To sign up, contact Cal or Laura B.

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. The wooden ornaments are requests for sock and gloves. Bring unwrapped items by **Monday, December 15** to church or Project Hope.

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.

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.

WASHINGTON STATE INITIATIVES

The elders would like to give the congregation the opportunity to sign two Washington State Initiatives.

- IL26-638, protecting fairness in girls' sports, which would protect girls from biological males competing in female athletics.
- IL26-001 strengthens communication between parents and schools to allow parents and guardians of public school children access to review materials and student records (health care) of their child, receive notifications and opt students out of certain activities.

For the next two weeks you will find a petition available for your signing on the a table in foyer. If you have any questions or comments, contact Glen B.



Christmas Season 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 with Kings Men of Song
- Monday, Dec. 8 - 7:00 PM --- **Forged@1st Christmas Party**
- Wednesday, Dec. 10 - 7:30 PM --- **TRIBE 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 & Forged@First**
Annual Mall Hunt
- 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

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes are on Sundays at 9:30 AM.

*Adult Education class is finished for the season and Sunday, December 14 will be the last session for all other classes.

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.

FORGED@FIRST (7th-8th GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY)

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to join us on Monday, December 8 from 7:00-8:30 in the Loft for our Christmas Party. Pizza will be provided. For more information about Forged@First, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

** Join us for our annual Mall Hunt on Wednesday, December 17 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Please drop off at church at 7:00 PM or meet us at Bellis Fair Mall. Pick up students at 9:00 PM at church.

MISSION PRAYER

All those interested in praying for our designated people group are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 9 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us this week Wednesday, December 10 from 7:30-9:00 PM for our Christmas Party. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

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SAFETY TEAM

The Safety Team will meet on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 AM.

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