

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 4, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Gathered by God's Grace**

**Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 90*

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.*

***Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

*A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.*

***Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.***

**God's Greeting**

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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**Gratitude for God's Past Grace Received in 2025**

**Scripture:** *Hebrews 4:14-16*

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

***Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone***

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

*Refrain:* My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain*

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**Prayers of Thanksgiving for 2025 - *Silent prayers from congregation***

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

## Petition for God's Future Grace Needed in 2026

**Scripture:** *Ephesians 3:14-19*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation:** *May You Be Filled With the Fullness of God*

### *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God, in helpless Babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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**Prayers of Petition For Our Church's Future - *Silent prayers from congregation***

## Service of Covenant Renewal

### **Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

#### *All Glory Be to Christ*

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life a mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ!

*Refrain:* All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above; who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price we'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! *Refrain*

When on the day the great I Am, the Faithful and the True;  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light, and we shall e'er His people be, all glory be to Christ!

*Refrain*

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### **God's Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### *To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done:  
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.  
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

Love Offering will be received for the Luke Society, which provides resources and support for international Christian health visionaries who care for the needs of their own people. For more information, visit [lukesociety.org](http://lukesociety.org).

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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the service.

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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