

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 11, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 100*

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

***Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.***

*Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his;*

***we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.***

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

***For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.***

**God's Greeting**

***Amid the Thronging Worshipers***

Amid the thronging worshipers the Lord, our God, I bless;

Before His people gathered here His name will I confess.

Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord, the children of His grace;

With reverence sound His glories forth and bow before His face.

He feeds with good the humble soul and satisfies the meek,

And they shall live and praise the Lord who for His mercy seek.

The ends of all the earth will hear, the nations seek the Lord;

They worship Him, the King of kings, in earth and heaven adored.

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***Come, All You People, Praise Our God***

Come, all you people, praise our God and tell his glorious works abroad,

Who holds our souls in life; He never lets our feet be moved

And, though our faith has often proved, upholds us in the strife.

We come with offerings to his house, and here we pay the solemn vows

We uttered in distress; to him our all we dedicate,

To him we wholly consecrate the lives his mercies bless.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord, while I with grateful heart record

What God has done for me; I cried to him in deep distress,

And now his wondrous grace I bless, for he has set me free.

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***All the Way My Savior Leads Me***

All the way my Savior leads me – what have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide.

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!

For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;

For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me – O the fullness of His love!

Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.

When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,

This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;

This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

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**Call to Confession:** *based on Hebrews 4:14, 16*

*Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance:** *Hebrews 10:19-22*

*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

**Our Response:** Our World Belongs to God #1, #2

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—  
which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—  
we declare with joy and trust:

**Our world belongs to God!**

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,  
until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.  
Our world belongs to him! God is King! Let the earth be glad!  
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!  
The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation.

**Praise the Lord!**

**Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

*Refrain:* Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's love;  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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**Offertory Prayer and Offering:** Sumas CRC Flood Relief

**Congregational Prayer**

**Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, thine own may I be, Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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**Scripture:** *I Chronicles 12:23-40*

<sup>23</sup> These are the numbers of the divisions of the armed troops who came to David in Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul over to him, according to the word of the Lord. <sup>24</sup> The men of Judah bearing shield and spear were 6,800 armed troops. <sup>25</sup> Of the Simeonites, mighty men of valor for war, 7,100. <sup>26</sup> Of the Levites 4,600. <sup>27</sup> The prince Jehoiada, of the house of Aaron, and with him 3,700. <sup>28</sup> Zadok, a young man mighty in valor, and twenty-two commanders from his own fathers' house. <sup>29</sup> Of the Benjaminites, the kinsmen of Saul, 3,000, of whom the majority had to that point kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. <sup>30</sup> Of the Ephraimites 20,800, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' houses. <sup>31</sup> Of the half-tribe of Manasseh 18,000, who were expressly named to come and make David king. <sup>32</sup> Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command. <sup>33</sup> Of Zebulun 50,000 seasoned troops, equipped for battle with all the weapons of war, to help David with singleness of purpose. <sup>34</sup> Of Naphtali 1,000 commanders with whom were 37,000 men armed with shield and spear. <sup>35</sup> Of the Danites 28,600 men equipped for battle. <sup>36</sup> Of Asher 40,000 seasoned troops ready for battle. <sup>37</sup> Of the Reubenites and Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh from beyond the Jordan, 120,000 men armed with all the weapons of war. <sup>38</sup> All these, men of war, arrayed in battle order, came to Hebron with a whole heart to make David king over all Israel. Likewise, all the rest of Israel were of a single mind to make David king. <sup>39</sup> And they were there with David for three days, eating and drinking, for their brothers had made preparation for them. <sup>40</sup> And also their relatives, from as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, came bringing food on donkeys and on camels and on mules and on oxen, abundant provisions of flour, cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, and wine and oil, oxen and sheep, for there was joy in Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Understanding the Times*

***O God, Our Hope in Ages Past***

O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,  
Our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home!

Under the shadow of Your throne your saints have dwelt secure  
Sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

**God's Blessing**

***O God, Our Hope in Ages Past***

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

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Pastors: Don R, Zac H, Jonathan U

Prayer: Jason V

Music: Ken Q, Lisa Q, Kara TK, Jack P, Bill VS

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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 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.

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