

# First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

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## *Announcements for January 11, 2026*

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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#### **January 11- 10:30 AM**

Preaching – Guest Pastor Don R  
*I Chronicles 12:23-40* "Understanding the Times."

#### **January 4 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching – Guest Pastor, Bryan D  
*Psalms 31* "Committing Our Lives in Faith"

#### **January 18 - 10:30 AM**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
Preaching - Zac H  
*Mark 6:30-44*  
*"You Give Them Something to Eat"*

#### **January 18 - 6:00 PM**

Preaching - Jonathan U  
*Ephesians 6:10-12*

- **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.firsterclynden.org](http://www.firsterclynden.org).

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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#### OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **January 11 - Sumas CRC** as they repair damages left by flood water from the November flooding in Whatcom County.
- **January 18 - Lynden Human Life**, an organization which offers pro-life educational resources to the residents of Whatcom County and beyond. For more information, visit [lyndenhumanlife.org](http://lyndenhumanlife.org).
- **January 25 - First CRC Cadets**, a ministry in boys in 1st-8th grade, led by Brian S and other men from First CRC and Bethel CRC.

#### 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)

You can give to the operating fund of the church at any time; there is no scheduled offering time for this fund. *Please use the blue envelopes or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.*

#### PLEDGE CARDS INFORMATION

Thank you to those who have turned in your pledge cards already. So far we have had less responses than we did last time (3 years ago). It is not too late to turn in your pledges. One time donations/monthly donations, no matter the amount, will help. If you have questions please talk to Paul A.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### PRAYER

- Please pray for the Christians in Nigeria and our sister CRC congregations there in light of the recent attacks and kidnappings. Click this link for more information: <https://www.crcna.org/news-and-events/news/mission-partners-nigeria-request-prayers>

### SYMPATHY

- We express our sympathy to Meredith and Jerry Z with the passing of Meredith's brother, Larry M on December 30.
- We also express our sympathy to Laura Brisbane-B and Cal B with the passing of Laura's brother on January 5.

### THANK YOU

- Thank you for prayers, cards, visits and food that was given on my behalf after my fall and now recovery. It was so appreciated and to God be the glory. ~ Cobie T
- Thank you for all the prayer, cards and acts of kindness shown to me during my recent procedure. God is good. ~ Wes VP
- Thank you for your gift of \$6,403.00 on 12/31/2025, during this cold and meaningful season. During the winter season, many guests are facing harsh weather, long nights, and heavy burdens. Your kindness is helping them find warmth, safety, and the courage to keep going. - Lighthouse Mission

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### PASTOR ROBERT ON STUDY LEAVE

Pastor Robert & Phama W are away from Lynden for two weeks to refresh and take time for a study leave. Pray that this will be a fruitful time for Pastor Robert as he prepares for this coming year. Please contact Pastor Zac, council members or the church with any needs.

### SENIOR WINTER SOUP LUNCHEON - JANUARY 21

We will be having a Senior winter soup luncheon on Wednesday, January 21 at 12:00 PM in the church basement. You will be our guests as we have a fun time planned with fellowship and laughter. Please sign up at the kiosk in the foyer or call the church office. If you need a ride, please contact the church office (360-354-4560, [info@firsterclynden.org](mailto:info@firsterclynden.org)).

### MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2026

Save the date! Our annual Missions Celebration is planned for Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22. Watch for more information about special speakers and how to sign up!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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### EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes resume on Sunday, January 11 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

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

We will meet on Monday, January 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

### MOMS@FIRST LEADERSHIP

We will meet on Tuesday, January 13 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM in the Loft. For more information, contact Mindy VV.

### **MISSION PRAYER**

All those interested in praying for our designated people group are invited to join us on Tuesday, January 13 at 10:00 AM in the Education Building.

### **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

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

### **WORSHIP PLANNING**

We will meet on Wednesday, January 14 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

### **TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)**

Join us for on Wednesday January 14 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

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

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men of any ages are welcome to join us.

### **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, January 17 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

### **YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Boundaries: When to Say NO to Take Control of Your Life by Cloud and Townsend will meet on Sunday, January 18 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. in the Loft. This is for young adults out of high school. If you have questions, contact Cal B.

