

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
January 11, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 104:1, 31, 33-34*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!*

*You are clothed with splendor and majesty, may the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,*

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

*May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.*

**Opening Prayer**

***Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship***

Heavenly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy!" cry;

"He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High."

Praise and honor, power and glory be to him who reigns alone;

We, with all his hands have fashioned, fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption, join to sing the Savior's worth;

Lamb of God whose blood has bought us, kings and priests, to reign on earth.

Wealth and wisdom, power and glory, honor, might, dominion, praise

Now be his from all his creatures and to everlasting days.

***It is Well With My Soul***

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll—

Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.

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***Here is Love***

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,

When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;

Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,

And heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;

Let me see Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;

Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.

Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

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**Profession of Faith:** Our World Belongs to God #6

**We rejoice in the goodness of God,**

**renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

**As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise,**

**we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.**

**With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,**

**we expect the Day of the Lord.**

**And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

**Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

**Offering:** Sumas CRC Flood Relief

## Evening Prayer

### *Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today, in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

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### **Scripture:** *Psalm 31*

- <sup>1</sup> *In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!*
- <sup>2</sup> *Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily!  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!*
- <sup>3</sup> *For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;*
- <sup>4</sup> *you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.*
- <sup>5</sup> *Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.*
- <sup>6</sup> *I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols,  
but I trust in the Lord.*
- <sup>7</sup> *I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have known the distress of my soul,*
- <sup>8</sup> *and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy;  
you have set my feet in a broad place.*
- <sup>9</sup> *Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief;  
my soul and my body also.*
- <sup>10</sup> *For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.*
- <sup>11</sup> *Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.*
- <sup>12</sup> *I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.*
- <sup>13</sup> *For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror on every side!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.*
- <sup>14</sup> *But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, "You are my God."*
- <sup>15</sup> *My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies  
and from my persecutors!*
- <sup>16</sup> *Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!*
- <sup>17</sup> *O Lord, let me not be put to shame,  
for I call upon you;*

*let the wicked be put to shame;  
 let them go silently to Sheol.*  
<sup>18</sup> *Let the lying lips be mute,  
 which speak insolently against the righteous  
 in pride and contempt.*  
<sup>19</sup> *Oh, how abundant is your goodness,  
 which you have stored up for those who fear you  
 and worked for those who take refuge in you,  
 in the sight of the children of mankind!*  
<sup>20</sup> *In the cover of your presence you hide them  
 from the plots of men;  
 you store them in your shelter  
 from the strife of tongues.*  
<sup>21</sup> *Blessed be the Lord,  
 for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me  
 when I was in a besieged city.*  
<sup>22</sup> *I had said in my alarm,  
 "I am cut off from your sight."  
 But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy  
 when I cried to you for help.*  
<sup>23</sup> *Love the Lord, all you his saints!  
 The Lord preserves the faithful  
 but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.*  
<sup>24</sup> *Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
 all you who wait for the Lord!*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Committing Our Lives to Faith*

### **Grace Alone**

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith;  
 Every difference we will make is only by His grace.  
 Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine;  
 Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

*Refrain:* Grace alone which God supplies; strength unknown He will provide.  
 Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach;  
 Everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.  
 Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away;  
 Every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain*

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### **God's Blessing**

#### **Glory Be to the Father**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 World without end. Amen. Amen.

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Offering will be received for the Sumas Christian Reformed Church as they repair damages left by flood water from the  
 November flooding in Whatcom County.

Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.

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.