

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 25, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 99:1-3*

*The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!*

God's Greeting

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

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One Generation Will Call to the Next

We will extol you, God and King and bless your holy name.
Day after day we'll sing your praise; forever and forever.

Refrain: One generation will call to the next: "Our God is good, and his hand is strong!"
All of the world sings his marvelous acts, and our voice will join with theirs in the song.

Now may your name be sung in every tongue in every place.
Singing the fame of your great love in every generation. *Refrain*

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What A Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee – Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Call to Confession: *I John 2:1b-2 But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 65:5 By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;*

Cadet Litany

Leader: This year's Cadet theme is "Stand Firm". The Cadets are learning how they do not need to conform to the ways of the world. They are not expected to be unmoving, but rather act in love, living a life based on Christ.

This is based on 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.

All: Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith.

Cadets: We will be strong and courageous.

All: Act bravely; be strong.

Cadets: We will follow our call to live boldly.

Leader: Let all that you do be done in love.

All: We will serve others with compassion and grace.

Cadets: In times of challenge, we will remain steadfast.

All: Our faith will guide us through every trial.

Leader: In your actions, remember to reflect Christ's love.

All: We will be instruments of peace and hope.

Cadets: Together, we will support one another.

All: United in faith, we will stand firm.

Leader: Our lives must always be a testament to God's love.

Cadets: We commit to love and serve in all we do.

All: Let us go forth with strength and love.

Cadet Landmarks and Year-In-Review

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new every morn.

Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.

His blood was the payment His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *Refrain*

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: First CRC Cadets

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Nearer, Still Nearer*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *I Corinthians 16:13-14*

¹³ *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.* ¹⁴ *Let all that you do be done in love.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Stand Firm*

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;

Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;

Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;

Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

God's Blessing

Rock of Ages

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,

When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Prayer: Cadets, Jacob A

Music: Paul A, Sharon A, Cal B, Ben K, Brian K, Cynthia U, Jonathan U, Bill V

Offering will be received for the First/Bethel CRC Cadets, a ministry in boys in 1st-8th grade, led by men from First and Bethel CRC.

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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