

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

Call to Worship: *II Timothy 3:16, Isaiah 40:8, Psalm 119:105*

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.*

*The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Opening Prayer

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee: O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

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Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty:

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever: *Refrain*

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Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;
"Glory in the highest" I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: *Matthew 24:35; Hebrews 8:12; II Corinthians 12:9; Philippians 1:6*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Lord, we stand on every promise of your word.

"I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

Lord, we stand on every promise of your word.

"My grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness."

Lord, we stand on every promise of your word.

"He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Lord, we stand on every promise of your word.

Offering: First CRC Cadets

Evening Prayer

Every Promise

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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Scripture: *Luke 4:14-22*

¹⁴ *And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.* ¹⁵ *And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.*

¹⁶ *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.* ¹⁷ *And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,*

¹⁸ *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,"* ¹⁹ *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

²⁰ *And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.*

²¹ *And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."* ²² *And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"*

Galatians 4:4-5

⁴ *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,* ⁵ *to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Introduction to the New Testament

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels in chorus sang as they welcomed His birth,
“Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth.”

Refrain: Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious,
Sweetest that ever was heard.

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him,
Writhing in anguish and pain;
Tell of the grave where they laid Him, tell how He liveth again.
Love in the story so tender clearer than ever I see:
Lord, may I always remember, love paid the ransom for me. *Refrain*

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God’s Blessing

My Friends May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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Pastors: Zac H, Jonathan U, Robert W

Music: Ken Q

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Worship services are also broadcast live in the basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

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