

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 8, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 33:1-4*

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

God's Greeting

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer, sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim.

Hail him! Hail him! Highest arch-angels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name!

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

O ye saints that dwell on the mountain of Zion, praise him, praise him ever in joyful song.

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer, for our sins he suffered and bled and died;

He, our rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail him, hail him, Jesus the Crucified.

Loving Savior, meekly enduring sorrow, crowned with thorns that cruelly pierced his brow;

Once for us rejected, despised, and forsaken, Prince of Glory, he is triumphant now.

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O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;

Your mighty Word was spoken and light and life obeyed.

Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,

Set stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign we see You dimly now,

But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.

With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew;

Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You.

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Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;

Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,

Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Isaiah 55:6-7*

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Psalm 62:1-2*

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Our Response: *Matthew 22:36-40*

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven; perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

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Offertory Prayer and Offering: Gideons

Congregational Prayer

Your Word Sheds Light Upon My Path

Your word sheds light upon my path; a shining light, it guides my feet.
Your righteous judgments to observe, my solemn vow I now repeat.

Your precepts are my heritage; they make my heart and soul rejoice.
To keep your statutes faithfully shall ever be my willing choice.

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Scripture: Romans 13:7-10

⁷ *Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*

⁸ *Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

⁹ *For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: Love Fulfills the Law

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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God's Blessing

Go, My Children

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here his tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will smile upon you and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

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Prayer: Kyle E, Roger P
Music: Ken Q

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On the bulletin, bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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