

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 8, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 119:89-94*

*Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.
By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.
**If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.
I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.***

Opening Prayer

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

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Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, Thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, Thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forget, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Profession of Faith: *Psalm 18:1-3*

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

*The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.*

Offering: Gideons

Evening Prayer

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above;
With wisdom, pow'r and love, our God is an awesome God.
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With wisdom, pow'r and love, our God is an awesome God.

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Scripture: *Luke 1:1-4*

¹ *Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us,*
² *just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us,*
³ *it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for*
you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

1 John 1:1-3

¹ *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon*
and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it,
and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that
which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our
fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Walk Through the Bible – Gospels*

More Love to Thee, O Christ

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea: more love O Christ to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be: more love O Christ to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;
Sweet are Thy messengers, sweet their refrain.
When they can sing with me, more love O Christ to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

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God’s Blessing

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Music: Jonathan U

Offering will be received for the Gideons, an organization with the primary purpose to win souls for Christ. One of their main ministries is the placement of Bibles in “human traffic lanes”, placing almost 63 million scriptures annually. For more information, visit gideons.org.

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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