

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
February 22, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 96:1-3; Psalm 105:3-4*

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Opening Prayer

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,

On earth is not his equal.

That Word above all earthly powers; no thanks to them abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;

The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;

His kingdom is forever.

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Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;

Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.

From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,

‘Til every foe is conquered and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;

The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.

Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;

When duty calls, or danger be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand for Jesus, the strife will not be long;

This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.

To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be:

He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;

With healing balm my soul he fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:

To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;

By morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of his might, Lo! all is just and all is right:

To God all praise and glory!

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Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ,

**his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead
he ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**I believe in a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering: Julie – Operation Mobilization

Evening Prayer

Onward Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see his banners go!

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided; all one body we:
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity. *Refrain*

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng:
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages with the angels sing. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Ephesians 6:10-15*

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Armor of God: Truth, Righteousness, Peace*

O Church, Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies,
An army bold whose battle cry is, "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died:
An inheritance of nations.

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God's Blessing

O Church, Arise

So Spirit, come! Put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory!

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Music: Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Julie M, working with Operation Mobilization in Belgium. She is the OM bookkeeper for ZavCentre (a 60-bed hospitality and conference center supporting both local and global missions and ministry) and a church plant. For more information, visit www.om.org/be/be_en.

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