

First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

Announcements for March 22, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICES

March 22 - 10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent and Missions Celebration
Preaching - Mitchell S, Envision Mission
Matthew 25:14-30 "New/Renewed Calling"

March 22 - 6:00 PM

Missions Celebration
Preaching - Von G, Former Missionary to Albania
Genesis 16:1-14 "Following the God Who Sees"

March 29 - 10:30 AM

Palm Sunday
Children's Church Processional and Singing
Preaching - Robert W
Luke 19:28-44 "From Hosannas to Hard Hearts"

March 29 - 6:00 PM

Preaching - Robert W
Nine Lessons and Hymns for Holy Week

- **Nursery** is available for children up to 3 years during the morning service in the Ed. Building.
- **Children's Church** is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade during the morning service.
- **After the Service**, you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the church basement.
- **Join us online**, services can be streamed at www.firstcrclynden.org.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SCHEDULE

- **March 22 – Mission and Outreach Fund**, used to help organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence fund but still need support. This fund allows the church to help organizations when our offering schedule is full.
- **March 29 – Helping Hands**, a sewing ministry of First CRC. Donations help cover fabric and shipping costs for the thousands of blankets and baby clothing made to send to people in need.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Any tithes or offering can be given the following ways:

- Placed in the offering bag on Sunday
- Mailed to the church office
- Dropped off at church during the week
- Electronically through a bill pay service or online through Tithe.ly

You can give to the operating fund of the church at any time; there is no scheduled offering time for this fund. *Use the blue or green envelopes or write "Operating Fund" on the check memo line.*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- **Jennie B** will be celebrating her 85th birthday on March 22.

PRAYER ITEMS

- **Jacob B** is now on hospice care at Lakeside Gardens.
- **Alan D** is recovering from neck surgery.
- **Gert H** is in rehab at the Christian Health Care Center and anticipates moving to Meadow Greens.
- **Sharon V** is in rehab at Mt. Baker Care Center in Bellingham.
- **Ron S** has moved from rehab at the Christian Health Care Center to Lynden Manor.

THANK YOU NOTES

- Dear family at First CRC, Thank you for all the wonderful meals! Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me. ~ Ruth O
- I would like to thank our congregation and Pastor Robert for all the prayers, cards and phone calls. We have such a loving church family. God bless all of you. ~ Alan D

MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

On Saturday evening, we will have a delicious dinner, a time to meet with our mission partners, and hear from Gary, Director of Northwest Seafarers Ministry; Tate, Director of Bridges of Hope; and Hans, Executive Director of the Lighthouse Mission at Faith Community Church.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Education Hour – All are invited to join us at 9:30 AM in the Church Basement for a special missions presentation. Linda, Nurse Manager with Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic, will present to the adults and students in 6th-12th grades.

Morning Service – Join us at 10:30 AM for a missions-themed worship service with the Presentation of Flags, and guest, Mitchell with Envision Mission, bringing the message. The First CRC Thailand Mission Team will share with the Children's Church.

Fellowship Time – After the morning worship service, be sure to come to the Church Basement for a time of fellowship with our mission partners.

Evening Service – Join us at 6:00 PM to close out our Missions Celebration weekend with another missions-themed worship service and guest, Von, former missionary to Albania, bringing the message.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29 – 10:30 AM – Palm Sunday Service

Children's Church Processional and Singing

Sunday, March 29 - 6:00 PM – Nine Lessons and Hymns for Holy Week

Friday, April 3 – 7:00 PM – Good Friday Service

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Special Guest Appearance by the Thief on the Cross

Sunday, April 5 – 10:30 AM – Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 5 - 6:00 PM – Easter Afterglow Service at Sumas CRC

PARENT REMINDER: PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Leaders and children participating in Children's Church should meet in the Education Building before the start of the service at 10:15 AM. We will gather to practice and receive palm branches before joining the Palm Sunday Processional at the start of the service. Thank you for helping your children arrive on time so they can participate!

RECOGNIZING CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, KARA H

After many years of faithful service, our church secretary Kara H will be retiring on March 31. Since beginning her role in 1993, Kara has served our church with dedication, care, and a quiet commitment that has helped support the life and ministry of our congregation in countless ways.

Kara's work behind the scenes-organizing, communicating, and helping keep the weekly operations of the church running smoothly-has been a true blessing to our church family. We are deeply grateful for her many years of service and the faithfulness she has shown throughout her 33 years with us.

Join us on Sunday, March 29 following the morning worship service for a time of fellowship, reflection and expression of our heartfelt appreciation and wishing her God's blessing in this new chapter her and Randy's life. Cards and other expressions of are encouraged and a basket to receive them will be available.

EASTER FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Support Forged@First (7th & 8th grade youth ministry) by purchasing Easter flowers in memory of a loved one or just for yourself! Flowers available for purchase this year are Easter Lilies at \$15 each and Gerber Daisies at \$10 each (assorted colors – specific colors are not guaranteed). Flowers will be available for pick up on Easter Sunday, April 5, following the morning worship service or during office hours the following week. Orders can be placed with any Forged@First student, online, or fill out the form in your church mailbox and return with your payment to the Welcome Center. Deadline is Sunday, March 29

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

All young and middle-aged men are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and Bible study on Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

EDUCATION HOUR

Education Classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Feel free to join any of these at any time!

- Infants – Kindergarten: Childcare available in the Education Building
- 1st grade – 3rd grade: Led by Stephanie R in the Education Building
- 4th grade – 5th grade: Led by Andrew R the Education Building
- **6th grade - Adults: Combined in the church basement for Sunday, March 22**

FORGED@FIRST

We will meet on Monday, March 23 from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Loft. For more information, contact Jeff & Renee L, Patty R or Pastor Zac.

SERVE LEADERSHIP

SERVE Leadership will meet in the Education Building, on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 PM. For more information, contact Molly H.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Join us for prayer on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM at Pat's Place. For more information, contact Patrick J.

WORSHIP PLANNING

We will meet on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

TRIBE (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY)

Join us for on Wednesday, March 25 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. If you have any questions, contact Cal B or Pastor Zac.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The study, "Boundaries" will meet on Sunday, March 15 from 5:00-6:00 PM. in the Loft. This is for young adults out of high school. If you have questions, contact Cal B.

MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday men's Bible study will meet on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 PM in the Church Basement. All men of any ages are welcome to join us.

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8:30 AM – 12:30 PM