

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 4, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-3

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

God's Greeting

Great Is the LORD Our God

Great is the LORD our God, and greatly to be praised. Upon a hill God's city stands in glorious beauty raised, His holy mountain high, the city of our King, The joy of all the earth below. In praise of God we sing.

God makes his city strong by living in her halls. When kings join forces and advance, they marvel at her walls. God scatters those around whose pride makes them so sure. As we have heard, so have we seen: God's city is secure.

Within your temple, Lord, in your most holy place, We on your loving-kindness dwell, the wonders of your grace. Your people sing your praise where'er your name is known. By every deed your hand has done your righteousness is shown.

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We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you; Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us. And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer; Our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise.
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us. To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come,
Soon my soul will sing your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forever more. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: Psalm 32:1-2, 5-6a

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

and in whose spirit there is no deceit. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Ezekiel 36:25-26*

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

I Am His and He Is Mine

Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know, Gracious Spirit from above, thou hast taught me it is so.
O this full and perfect peace! O this transport all divine! In a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine;
In a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine. His forever, only His; who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart. Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline, but while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine.
But while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: *Proverbs 12:1*

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 13:18

Poverty and disgrace come to him who ignores instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is honored.

Proverbs 15:22

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 15:31-32

³¹ *The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise.* ³² *Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.*

Proverbs 19:20

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Wisdom for Seeking Counsel and Receiving Correction*

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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God's Blessing

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight; Be thou my Armor, and be thou my Light,
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r. Raise thou me hea'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

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Pastor: Zac H, Robert W

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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.