First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

October 11, 2026 ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Micah 4:1-2*

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say:
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

God's Greeting

Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise.
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, rule now in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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His Glory and My Good

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies.
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should,
Then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good.

Refrain: To our God be the glory, to our God be praise.
He alone, the name above all names.
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God.
For I know His glory is my good.

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day.
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise.
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood.
Yes I know that He has saved me for His glory and my good. *Refrain*

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him for His glory and my good. *Refrain*

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My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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Call to Confession & Preparation: *James 4:8*

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *Hebrews 8:12*

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

God, Be Merciful to Me

I have sinned against your grace and provoked you to your face.
I confess your judgment just; speechless, I your mercy trust.
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear your voice.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Do not cast me from your sight nor remove your Spirit's light.
Your salvation's joy restore, make me steadfast evermore.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Aaron D – Bethany ARP

Congregational Prayer

* **Scripture:**

Proverbs 1:8-19

8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,
9 for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.
11 If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason;
12 like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit;
13 we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder;
14 throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse"—
15 my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths,
16 for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.
17 For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird,
18 but these men lie in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives.
19 Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.

Proverbs 12:26

One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 13:20

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Wisdom for Resisting Peer Pressure*

* ***Christ, Our Wisdom***

Christ, our wisdom, we are humbled when You hide Your ways from us;
You have purposes unnumbered, each one good and glorious.
Help us trust when we grow weary, free us from our anxious thoughts;
Give us grace to see more clearly; You are God, and we are not.

Christ, our wisdom, we will follow though the way ahead is veiled;
As we journey through the shadows, grant us faith where sight has failed.
Help us cling to Your commandments, strengthened by Your faithful word;
We will never be abandoned; You are God, and we are Yours.

Christ, our wisdom, we adore You for the beauty of the cross;
Once in foolishness we scorned You, but Your blood has ransomed us.
Help us sing the endless mercies of Your humble heart to save;
Christ our wisdom, Christ our glory You are God, forever praised.

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* **God's Blessing**

*** *Go, My Children, With My Blessing***

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory,
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Prayer: Dave R, Gene T
Music: Mike S, Lee V, Nathan V, Nancy Z

Offering will be received for Rev. Aaron D, who is the pastor of Bethany Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a church plant in Nugent's Corner.
Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during worship service in the Education Building.
Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3rd grade. Children are dismissed during the worship service.
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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