First Christian Reformed Church

Lynden, Washington

October 11, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 34:1-3*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Opening Prayer

God Himself Is with Us

God himself is with us; let us now adore him, and with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple; all within keep silence, prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone do we own as our God and Savior; praise his name forever.

God himself is with us; hear the harps resounding! See the crowds the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy," hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending!
Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises.

Fount of every blessing, purify my spirit, trusting only in your merit
Like the holy angels who behold your glory, may I ceaselessly adore you,
And in all, great and small, seek to do most nearly what you love so dearly.

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Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God

Fill thou my life, O Lord, my God, in every part with praise,
That my whole being may proclaim Thy being and thy ways.
Not for the lip of praise alone, nor e'en the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up of praise in every part.

So shall each fear, each fret, each care be turned into a song,
And every winding of the way the echo shall prolong.
So shall no part of day or night from sacredness be free,
But all my life, in every step, be fellowship with thee.

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee – Thou wilt find a solace there.

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Profession of Faith: *from I Timothy*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as a ransom for all.
This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labor and strive),
that we have put our hope in the living God,
who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.
To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Offering: Aaron D – Bethany ARP

Evening Prayer

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will, and Thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need Thee, O I need Thee; every hour I need Thee! O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee.

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Scripture: *I Timothy 1:1-4*

[1] Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,
[2] To Timothy, my true child in the faith:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
[3] As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, [4] nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

1 Timothy 3:14-15

[14] I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, [15] if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

1 Timothy 4:12, 16

[12] Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.
[16] Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 6:11-12

[11] But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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

Message: *A Walk Through the Bible – I Timothy*

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

God's Blessing

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W
Music: Sharon A

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