# First Christian Reformed Church
# Lynden, Washington
# November 1, 2026
# 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *based on Hebrews 12:1-2*

Since we are surrounded by so great cloud of witnesses,
**let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.**
And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
**looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

**Opening Prayer**

***I Love Your Church, O Lord***

I love your church, O Lord! Her saints before you stand,
Dear as the apple of your eye, and graven on your hand.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

I love your church, O God, the people you have called,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

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***Holy God, We Praise Thy Name***

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain; everlasting is Thy reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name Thee,
Though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim Thee,
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

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***How Firm a Foundation***

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

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**Profession of Faith:** Our World Belongs to God, Art. 6

**We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness,**
**and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,**
**and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.**
**With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord.**
**And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness**
**will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Evening Prayer**

***Have Thine Own Way, Lord!***

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!
Open mine eyes, my sin show me now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.

("Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" words by Adelaide A. Pollard, music by George C. Stebbins © 1907. Renewal 1935 extended. Hope Publishing C. CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932

**Scripture:** *Romans 13:1-7*

*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [2] Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, [4] for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. [5] Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. [6] For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. [7] Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*

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

**Message:** *Christ's Two Worlds*

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name***

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

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**God's Blessing**

***To God Be the Glory***

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things he has done:
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

("To God Be the Glory" text and tune Andrea Crouch 1971, from "My Tribute" © 1971 Lexicon Music, Inc., CCLI #358926, Streaming #20317932)

Pastors: Zac H, Nate J
Music: Lee V

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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.

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An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

On the bulletin, * indicates standing and bold font is a response by the congregation. You are invited to join if you feel comfortable.

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