

* **Call to Worship:** *Matthew 11:28-29*
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

* **Opening Prayer**

* **O Come, All Ye Faithful** #193:1,2 (HFG)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *Refrain*

* **Apostles' Creed** pg. 813 (PH)

* **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**

Joyful, joyful, we adore You
God of glory, Lord of light;
Angels lifting praise before You
Sing throughout this holy night.
In a manger lies a Baby—
Child of Mary, Son of God.
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love.

All Your works declare Your glory.
All creation joins to sing.
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ, the King.
Shepherds kneel before the Infant,
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted,
Joined in wonder, love and praise.

Offering: *First CRC Building the Future Fund*

Evening Prayer

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, O leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make me, keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
Rise to all eternity.

* **Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 35** pg. 906 (PH)

Q & A 96

Q. What is God's will for us
in the second commandment?

**A. That we in no way make any image of God
nor worship him in any other way
than he has commanded in his Word.**

Q & A 97

Q. May we then not make
any image at all?

**A. God can not and may not
be visibly portrayed in any way.
Although creatures may be portrayed,
yet God forbids making or having such images
if one's intention is to worship them
or to serve God through them.**

Q & A 98

Q. But may not images be permitted in the churches
as teaching aids for the unlearned?

**A. No, we shouldn't try to be wiser than God.
He wants his people instructed
by the living preaching of his Word—
not by idols that cannot even talk.**

* **Scripture:** Exodus 20:4-6 pg. 79

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image,
or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under
the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve
them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,
visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the
third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,
⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those
who love me and keep my commandments. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

* **Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken**

Thanks to God whose Word was spoken
In the deed that made the earth.
His the voice that called a nation;
His the fires that tried her worth.
God has spoken; God has spoken;
Praise him for his open Word.

Thanks to God whose Word is answered
By the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
Life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking; God is speaking;
Praise him for his open Word.

Message: *The Invisible God*

Closing Prayer

* **His Name is Wonderful** #230 (HFG)

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Go, Tell It on the Mountains** #205:3 (HFG)

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and every-where;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

CCLI #358926

Pastor: Robert Woodyard

Pianist: Dave Korthuis

Offering: Offerings for the Building the Future Fund will be taken every two months for the next major building project to add classrooms, youth room and office space to the north end of the church. Our goal is to collect \$650,000 by June 1, 2011.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul is sung
in celebration of Jennie Bakker's 94th birthday.

First Christian Reformed Church
1010 Front Street
Lynden, WA 98264
360-354-4560
Email: info@firstcrcllynden.org
Website: www.firstcrcllynden.org

Sermon Notes

*First Christian Reformed Church
of Lynden, Washington*



*December 13, 2009
6:00 p.m. Evening Service*