

# LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for  
the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make  
sure all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

**-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-**

**Welcome and Silent Prayer**

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal,  
you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing;  
help us to praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 33.1-9

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 24*

*VAST THE IMMENSITY, MIRROR OF MAJESTY*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you  
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness.

Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule  
the nations and our small lives.

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power  
and squandering your gifts.

We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,  
has resulted in shallow confession,  
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.

Have mercy on us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Micah 7.18-19

# \*Song of Praise to Christ

## Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Mark Hall and Michael Bleaker 2009  
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1. One day when Heav - en was filled with His prais - es, One day when sin  
2. One day they led Him up Cal - va - ry's moun - tain. One day they nailed  
3. One day the grave could con - ceal Him no long - er. One day the stone

was as black as could be, Je - sus came forth to be born of a vir -  
Him to die on a tree. Suf - fer - ing an - guish, de - spised and re - ject -  
rolled a - way from the door. Then He a - rose; o - ver death He had con -

gin, dwelt a - mong men. My ex - am - ple is He. The Word be - came flesh  
ed, bear - ing our sins, my Re - deem - er is He. The hands that healed na -  
quered. Now He's as - cend - ed, my Lord ev - er - more. Death could not hold

and the light shined a - mong us, His glo - ry re - vealed.  
tions stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me. Liv - ing, He loved  
Him, the grave could not keep Him from ris - ing a - gain.

me. Dy - ing, He saved me. Bur - ied, He car - ried my sins far a - way Ris - ing, He jus -  
ti - fied free - ly for - ev - er. One day He's com - ing; oh, glo - ri - ous day, oh, glo - ri - ous day.

1. 2. 3.  
One day the trum - pet will sound for His com - ing.

One day the skies with His glo - ry will shine. Won - der - ful day my Be - lov - ed One bring - ing.

My Sav - ior, Je - sus is mine. Liv - ing, He loved me. Dy - ing, He saved me. Bur - ied, He car -  
ried my sins far a - way Ris - ing, He jus - ti - fied free - ly for - ev - er. One day He's com -  
ing; oh, glo - ri - ous day, oh, glo - ri - ous day.

## Prayer for the Church and the World

### -ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 3.1-4.6

Sermon

“Losing to Gain”  
Rev. Ron Gonzales

\*Song of Response

*Hymn No. 508*

*JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL*

Worship of God with Tithes and Offering

*\*DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

Confession of Faith

What do you believe about sanctification?

**They who are once effectually called and regenerated,  
having a new heart and a new spirit created in them,  
are further sanctified, really and personally,  
through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection,  
by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them;  
the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed,  
and the several lusts of it are more and more weakened and destroyed;  
and they more and more made alive and strengthened in all saving graces,  
to the practice of true holiness,  
without which no man shall see the Lord.**

—The Westminster Confession of Faith, 13.1

## **-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-**

### **The Lord's Supper**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are admitting that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers for your use during this time.

#### *A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth*

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

#### *A Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### *A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 679*

*'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Father, make us willing to give up what we cannot keep,  
in order to gain what we can never lose;  
for we ask it in the name of the One who freely gave,  
and has been given the name above every name,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### Worship

*Today:* Judie Jud & Olivia Buob

*Next Week:* Emily & Erika Leinweber

#### Sunday School:

*Today:* Alysia Buob & Janice Vander Griend    *Next Week:* Judie Jud & Peter Early

### **Weekly Gatherings**

*Home Fellowship Group* meets on all but first Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at Jack and Pat Lilly's (1607 Evergreen St), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. All are invited!

*Men's Group* is studying Genesis on Thursdays, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

*Women's Group* is studying 1 Peter on Fridays, at 1:00 PM, at the church. If you would like to learn more please contact Cherry Gonzales. All women are invited.

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Debbie Adamson* recently took a fall and is suffering from shoulder and knee pain. Pray that physical therapy helps, that the pain subsides, and that she is strengthened in grace amidst the difficulty.

*Karl Hedine's* surgery went well. The tumor was smaller than expected, so less of his colon was removed. Pray for strength as he recovers, for a good pathology report, and that chemo-therapy is not needed.

*Officer Nomination Process:* Pray for Covenant as we go through this season of seeking God for the Leadership of the church; that we are both prayerful and attentive to his will.

*Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine):* Alister travels this week to Kharkov, to speak at an expository preaching conference for local pastors. Pray for his ministry there, as well as for his ongoing ministry at the seminary in Kiev. And pray for direction for Alister and Sarah as they look for a school for Saphira who turns five in April.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

February 1	Janice VanderGriend
February 2	Kevin and Laura Chabre
February 3	Pat Reed

*First Wednesday:* Join us for our monthly fellowship dinner, this Wednesday at 6:00 PM. If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a main dish; L-Z, bring soup.

*Officer Nominations:* Do not forget, nominations of men to serve as elders and deacons must be made by February 11.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, fellowship and, if your schedule permits, our Sunday School hour.

### **Explanation of Cover Symbol**

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.