

**LORD'S DAY**  
**February 11, 2018**



**COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
to 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**

O God, who makes Thyself known in the stillness: make me to know Thy presence in this sacred place; make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth. Through the voices of men and the instruments of praise lift my heart to Thee and so purify my life that, going forth, I may go in Thy strength and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 99.1-3, 9

### **Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 46*

*ROUND THE LORD IN GLORY SEATED*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

O LORD, our God, who brought his people out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery and by Christ delivered us from sin: You have been faithful to keep all the promises of your covenant.

**But we, O Lord, have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness. We have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and truth and so have mocked your glory. We have used your name in vain and profaned your reputation on earth. We have desecrated your Sabbath because we have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored our father and mother and so have proved ourselves rebels. We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in**

**our hearts. We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes or deeds of our flesh. We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours. We have lied and falsely accused for we love gossip more than truth. We have coveted blessings you wisely and righteously gave to others. O Lord have mercy on us for we have not kept your law. In Jesus Name. Amen.**

—Based on the Ten Commandments

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

**Assurance of Pardon**

1 Timothy 1.15

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 170*

*FAIREST LORD JESUS*

**\*Confession of Faith**

How can we glorify God?

**We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 6

**Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> "You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always" (Deut 11.1).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Song of Songs 3.6-4.7

Sermon

“The Marriage of the Lamb”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

\*Song of Response

Jesus, I Am Resting

words Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; alt.  
music David B. Hampton  
1998 New Spring Publishing, CCLI# 2415226

1. Je - sus I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.  
 2. O how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness; vast - er, broad - er than the sea.  
 3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art,  
 4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on \_\_\_\_\_ me as I work and wait for Thee;

\_\_\_\_\_ I am find - ing out the great - ness of \_\_\_\_\_ Thy lov - ing \_\_\_\_\_ heart.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ How \_\_\_\_\_ mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, lav - ished all \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ me. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ heart;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows \_\_\_\_\_ flee. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Thou hast bid me gaze up - on \_\_\_\_\_ Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,

\_\_\_\_\_ For by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er Thou hast made me \_\_\_\_\_ whole. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it \_\_\_\_\_ mine. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings; Thine is love in - deed. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill \_\_\_\_\_ me with Thy \_\_\_\_\_ grace. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus,

I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. \_\_\_\_\_ I am  
 find - ing out the great - ness of \_\_\_\_\_ Thy lov - ing \_\_\_\_\_ heart. \_\_\_\_\_

## Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

\*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

### -OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

#### The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward 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 of 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. 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. 470*

*HOW VAST THE BENEFITS DIVINE*

### **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

## **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

## **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us the grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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## **Our Nursery Helpers**

Sunday School

*Today:* Peter Early

*Next Week:* Peter Early

Worship

*Today:* Sam Schroeder

*Next Week:* Collie Parsons

## **Gatherings**

*Kids' Quest* is a catechism class for children, ages 5 through elementary grades, taught by Pastor Ron. It meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

*The Leinweber Home Fellowship Group* is on break until March or April.

*The Martin Home Fellowship Group*, led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Song of Songs and all are welcome.

*The Men's Group*, which meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, is beginning a study of 2 Timothy this week. All men are invited.

*Prayer Meeting:* We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom and our world. Please join us.

**Sermon Notes: "The Marriage of the Lamb" (Song of Songs 3.6-4.7)**

1. Who is this coming? (3.6)

2. Behold, the glad-hearted bridegroom. (3.7-11)

3. Behold, the altogether beautiful bride. (4.1-7)

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Andrew Allen* has begun a new course of chemotherapy that has shown some positive signs. His energy is returning and he is gaining weight. Pray that it has an arresting effect on the cancer, and that God continues to shower his peace on this family.

*Coram Deo Presbyterian Church:* Pray for the Revs. Kyle Parker's and Matt Bostrom's church planting labors in Spokane, that they yield much fruit and the church is strengthened under their leadership.

*Vickie Myers* is no longer suffering from post-surgical pain but continues to deal with severe nausea. Pray for relief from the nausea, that she is able to keep food down, and that her strength returns.

*Bret Reller* is serving with Special Forces in the Middle East. Pray for his safety and the safety of his team, as well as for the success of their mission.

*Shawn & Jamie Riley* (Northern California): Pray for Shawn and Jamie as they minister to the students and congregation of St Andrews Almanor, as well as for their outreach to the Chester community.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

February 11    Clint Miller

February 12    Anita Hamovitz

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, at Pastor Ron's office, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### **Explanation of Cover Symbol**

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."