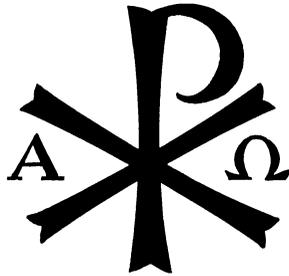


LORD'S DAY

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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

Heavenly Father, Giver and Sustainer of all life: Help us, as we draw near, to love and adore and worship you with all that we are and all that we have to offer, for you alone are worthy. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 16.23-29

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come to you as your sons and your servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, yet aware of our continuing need of your grace. We confess that we have sinned against you; we have broken your commandments; we have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. We acknowledge our guilt and recognize that we rightly fall under your curse and judgment. Blot out our transgressions, wash away our iniquities, forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Have mercy on us, O Lord; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2.1-2

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 159

O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR

***Confession of Faith**

What should we pray?

The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 40

Commissioning of Pastoral Interns

Ronnie Curfman and Jacob Schroeder

Candidacy Vows

1. Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a becoming Christian character, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for the sacred ministry?
2. Do you promise to submit yourself to the proper supervision of the Presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for the ministry?

The Charge and Prayer

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen” (Eph 3.14-21).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1.5-25

Sermon

“With Patience and Faith”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

If You But Trust in God

words Georg Neumark, 1641
music Eileen Davis, 2018

1.If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2.What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3.The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4.Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, off - er your

hand through all your ways, You'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; tthrough un - de -

side you when cross - es come in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, You'll find God's pro - mise true to be. This is our

God's un - change - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev' - ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in the time of need.

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 body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging 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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 693

BLESSED ASSURANCE

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Closing Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day, may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts, that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

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 (October through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Leinweber Home Fellowship Group, led by Chad, meets at the Leinwebers' (60 Cranbrook Ln), on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 12:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. All (including children) are welcome.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (203 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

The Men's Group is taking this week off. It will resume its study of Exodus October 17.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "With Patience and Faith" (Luke 1.5-25)

1. A life of Waiting (vv. 5-17)

2. The Necessity of Faith (vv. 18-25)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen continues his battle with cancer. Pray the chemotherapy is effective, that he is granted strength to endure, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

Mike Givens: Pray for relief from the pain Mike is experiencing, and that God brings healing to his shoulder without the need for surgery.

Lori Jud (Duane and Judie's daughter-in-law) had a setback, following cancer surgery, but is doing better now. Pray that she is discharged soon and that her recovery continues to go well.

Tom & Melissa Manning have returned to Turkey and reconnected with a church engaged in effective ministry to Syrian refugees. Pray God uses them to further these efforts, and that the hearts of many are turned to the Savior.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for the congregation in Soldotna, AK as they look for a new pastor. May God lead and protect the church, keep it strong, and make it a vital witness on the Kenai Peninsula.

Pastor Ron is having carpal tunnel surgery tomorrow. Pray that it is effective and that his recovery is speedy.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

October 9	Debbie Adamson
October 9	Rick Myers
October 10	Sandy Cupolillo

Reformation Sunday: Please join us October 28, as we gather with the saints from Grace URC, Covenant OPC, and the URC of Sunnyside, at Grace (in Kennewick) for a 6:00 PM service, followed by a light dinner and time of fellowship.

Women's Study: Ladies, want to go more deeply into God's Word with others, along with fellowship and support? A Bible study for any interested ladies is taking place on Thursday afternoons, from 3:30 to 5:00, beginning October 18. The study will be on Acts, using John Stott's *Acts: Seeing the Spirit at Work*. It will meet at the church and childcare is provided. Please contact Cherry Gonzales (522-4272) if you are interested.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22:13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.