

**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**

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, as we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship**

Nehemiah 8.9-12

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 716*

*SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST*

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

### **Confession of Sin**

Father, forgive us for the things we have done that make us feel uncomfortable in your presence. For the front that we polish so carefully for men to see does not deceive you. You know every thought that has left its shadow on our memory, every motive that curdled something sweet within us. We acknowledge that we have desired what we should not have. We have toyed with what we knew was not for us. We have been preoccupied with self-interest. We have invited unclean thoughts into our minds and entertained them as honored guests. Our ears have often been deaf to your whisper. Our eyes have often been blind to the signs of your guidance. Make us willing to be changed, even though it requires surgery of the soul and the therapy of discipline. Make our hearts warm and soft, that we may receive and accept the blessing of your forgiveness, the benediction of your “Depart in peace...and sin no more”; for we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 8.1-4

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 299*

*LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS*

### **\*Confession of Faith**

Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

**No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 45

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<sup>1</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3.16).

## **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.

### **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

#### **Scripture Lesson**

Luke 2.40-52

#### **Sermon**

“A Boy in His Father's House”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

#### **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 219*

*ALL PRAISE TO THEE, ETERNAL LORD*

#### **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.*

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## **-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. 310*

*REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### \*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

### Closing Prayer

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

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### Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

*Today:* Collie Parsons

*Next Week:* Sam Schroeder

### 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 5:00 PM, at the church.

*The Martin Home Fellowship Group* led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 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* meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office for Bible Study fellowship, and prayer. The group is currently studying Exodus and all are invited.

*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.

*Psalm Sing:* The Schroeders (55 Buttonquail Ln) invite you every Sunday, at 6:30 PM, to learn to sing the Psalms together and enjoy a time of fellowship. All ages and voice are most welcome.

*Women's Study:* A study of the Book of Acts, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at the church (childcare is provided), and all are welcome.

## **Sermon Notes: "A Boy in His Father's House" (Luke 2.40-52)**

1. A Demonstration of Faithful Parenting

2. A Demonstration of Divine Sonship

3. A Demonstration of True Humanity

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Andrew Allen* is now receiving an oral targeted drug treatment. Pray that it proves helpful in slowing down the cancer, that Andrew is granted strength to endure, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

*The Christian Aid Center* cares for those in our community who are hurting and in need. Pray that God continues to use its staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to many.

*Coram Deo Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Kyle Parker's church planting efforts in Spokane, that they yield much fruit and that the church is strengthened under his leadership.

*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* continues to improve. Pray for her complete healing, and join the family in giving thanks that she is now taking small amounts of food and drink and getting speech therapy.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

November 17      Kristi Alden

*Christian Aid Dinner:* We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center tomorrow night. If you would like to help, either in preparing or serving the meal, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

*A Note from the Davises:* We want to thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers for Joyce's service. With all the prayers, concern, listening ears and lovely flowers, we felt very blessed and supported by our church family. God has used you a great deal to carry us through this time. We appreciate you all so much. With love, Steve and Eileen.

*The Leinweber Home Lunch Group* is closed for the winter.

*Operation Christmas Child:* For those interested, it is time to pack your shoeboxes. The pickup date is next Sunday. Brochures are available on the literature table.

*Session Meeting:* The elders are meeting Thursday 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.

### **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.