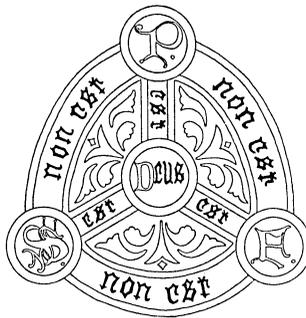


LORD'S DAY
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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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, as we gather in your name, we pray for your blessing. Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. This we ask through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 89

GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND REFUGE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, you promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness; that we may know the joy of your presence, the light of your face. You alone know our hearts: how often we have offended you, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought, every false word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for you, but for ourselves. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks, for our neglect of prayer, our ignorance of your Word, our loss of purpose. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us; by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2.9-10

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 301

JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES

***Confession of Faith**

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 44

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2.22-40

Sermon

“Light and Darkness”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 196

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

¹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Matt 28.19).

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 (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**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

words, Johann Franck, 1649
music, George Coles, 1835



1. Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2. Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3. Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4. Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Closing Prayer

Now, Master, let your servants go in peace as you promised; for our eyes have seen the salvation which you have made ready in the sight of the nations; a light of revelation for the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—Based on Luke 2.29-32, NJB

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Abigail and Annie Carpenter

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 (October through May), from 3:30 to 5:00 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 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.

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

Sermon Notes: "Light and Darkness" (Luke 2.22-40)

1. The Long-Awaited Redeemer

2. An Ever-Present Shadow

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen has chosen not to pursue whole-brain radiation but has begun an oral targeted drug treatment that has shown positive results in some cases. 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.

Brian & Gail Frey: Pray for Brian and the RUF staff, as they reach out to students on the Boise State campus, that God goes before them, softens hearts, and grants faith to many.

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 after having throat surgery. Please 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.

Vickie Myers: Pray that Vickie's recovery from surgery continues to go well and that she is kept in God's peace.

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

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child: For those interested, it is time to begin packing your shoeboxes. The pickup date is Sunday, November 18. Brochures are available on the literature table. A video for OCC will be shown during the coffee hour.

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 voices are most welcome.

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

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.