

LORD'S DAY
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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, who through your only Son Jesus Christ has conquered death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: We ask you to deliver us, as we draw near, from all coldness of heart and every distraction of mind, that with the truest love and deepest gratitude we may give you praise and honor worthy of the great salvation you have given us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 30.1-5, 11-12

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 100

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, against your holy law. We have sinned by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1.8-9

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 164

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES

*Confession of Faith

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 52

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 5.12-32

Sermon

“The Insiders, Outsiders, and Jesus”
Ronnie Curfman

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 465

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING 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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¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven, and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21.1-4)

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 226

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Closing Prayer

Almighty and gracious Father, grant us a heart to love you, and enable us to show our thankfulness by giving ourselves up to your service, and delighting in all things to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller

Next Week: TBD

Gatherings

The Martin Home Fellowship Group led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, 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 men 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.

The Psalm Sing is on break until January 6.

The Women's Study is taking the rest of the month off. They will resume their study of the book of Acts, on Thursday, January 10.

Sermon Notes: "Insiders, Outsiders, and Jesus" (Luke 5.12-32)

1. Insiders and Outsiders Under the Law

2. Insiders and Outsiders Under Christ

3. Insiders and Outsiders in the Church

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen: Pray the drugs Andrew is taking arrest the cancer, that he 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.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for the congregation in Saldatna, 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

Birthdays this Week:

January 3 Oliver Miller

The Children's Catechism Class is not meeting this month. A new class begins January 10, taught by Pastor Ron and Ronnie Curfman. The children will be learning *The New City Catechism*.

Sunday School: Our survey of Christian doctrines will resume next Sunday (January 6th) at 9 AM. Contact Ronnie Curfman if you have any questions.

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

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."

