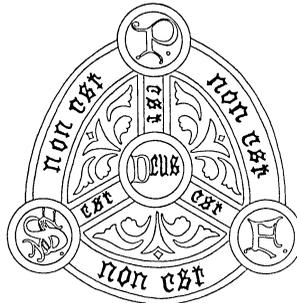


LORD'S DAY

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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

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 66.1-20

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 77

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? Or if there is any evil that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that you have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so, and help us to follow you in every way and always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 696

I'VE FOUND THE PEARL OF GREATEST PRICE!

***Confession of Faith**

What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 8

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 8.16-21

Sermon

“A Solemn Warning”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

¹ “You shall have no other gods before me” (Ex 20.3).

*Song of Response

O God, My Faithful God

words Johann Heerman, 1585-1647
music adapted by Eileen Davis 2018
from KEESE by Fred and Ruth Coleman 2010
CCLI# 2415226

1. O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing, with -
2. Give me the strength to do, with read - y heart and will - ing, what -
3. Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing; guard
4. When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less; help

out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing: give
ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing to
me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing; but
me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less; help

me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in a
do it when I ought, with all my strength; and bless what -
when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak, then
me, as you have taught, to love both great and small, and,

con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

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 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. 705

I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent 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.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Abigail and Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Collie Parsons

Gatherings

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman, meets twice a month (generally the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, during the school year), from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

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 in the chapel, 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.

Psalms Sing meets Sunday evenings at 6:30, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

The 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 Solemn Warning" (Luke 8.16-21)

1. The Christian Life is Serious Business

2. Take Care How You Hear the Word

3. What Does That Look Like?

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen continues to gain strength and show signs of improvement. Pray for complete healing, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

Ronnie Curfman is preaching both this morning and evening at Grace United Reformed Church in Kennewick. Pray that his ministry of the Word is a blessing to many.

Mike Givens is dealing with swelling in both wrists. Pray for relief from the pain, that the problem can be easily treated, and that he is kept in God's peace.

Tom & Melissa Manning return to Turkey in March (Tom the 4th, Melissa the 18th), and will immediately apply for a one or two-year residence visa. Prospects appear more favorable this year that one might be granted. Pray that it is, as there is much work to be done among the Syrian families they have made contact with on their prior visits. They will also resume their ministry of coaching and mentoring other team leaders who are caring for Syrian refugees in nearby countries. Pray for them as they carry out both of these important ministries.

Vickie Myers: Pray that Vickie's response to the re-placement of the J-tube continues to go well and that another procedure is unnecessary.

Oaks Parish: Pray for Rev. Bryan Buck, our church planter in southeast Portland, that God strengthens and uses him as he preaches the gospel and builds relationships in the community.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week:

February 27	Lynn and Collie Parsons
February 28	Christina McBean

Women's Ministry Event: All women and girls are welcome to attend a Book Share on Friday, March 15 at 7:00 PM in the chapel. We will enjoy a time of fellowship with one another as we talk about books! Come prepared by thinking of one or two books that you would recommend to others. It can be your favorite book, or a recent good read. Books can be from any genre. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Anna Curfman if you have any questions.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us next door, 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.