

Palm Sunday

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts this day such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed our every hope and desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 111.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 660

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Mark 10.45

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 237

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY!

***Confession of Faith**

Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?

That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 15

The Choir

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ "For by the works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin" (Rom 3.20).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 10.1-24

Sermon

“A Cause for Celebration”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 703

LOVED WITH EVERLASTING LOVE

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 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.

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. 122

GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY

-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: Nicole Miller

Next Week: Samantha Schroeder

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 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.

Psalm 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 in the chapel. Childcare is provided and all are welcome.

Sermon Notes: "A Cause for Celebration" (Luke 10.1-24)

1. The Time of the Lord's Favor
2. Growth in the Kingdom
3. The Truest Measure of Blessing

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen: Continue to pray for Andrew and Amy as they look to the Lord for both healing and strength.

The Davis & Miller Families: Please pray for the Davis and Miller families as they grieve the death of Steve's dad, Nicole's grandad, and great-grandad of the Miller children. May they know God's peace and strength.

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise): Pray for Brian as he gives leadership to the RUF team, cares for students during this, his last semester on the Boise State campus, and prepares to begin planting a PCA church in downtown Boise once the school year ends.

Aria Krulish is recovering nicely from her recent surgery and may be healed. The surgeon believes he removed all the cancer. She is getting a second opinion at OHSU, however. Pray they confirm the diagnosis and that chemotherapy is not needed.

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 this Week:

April 18 Kirk Alden

Directory Update: We will soon be updating our church directory. If your family or contact information has changed, or you are not currently in our directory and would like to be, please notify the church office this month.

Good Friday Service & Potluck: Please join us this Friday, April 19, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, as we reflect on the passion and death of our Savior, followed by a fellowship dinner together. The Leinwebers will provide ham (RSVP to Heidi so they know how many to cook). Please bring a side or dessert if able, but we want all to come if possible.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for the conduct the business of the church. Please pray for them and let them know how they can pray for you.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His Redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.