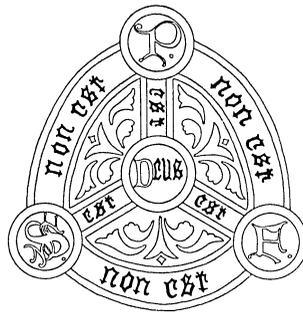


LORD'S DAY

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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, who was and is and ever shall be, before whose face the generations rise and pass away: Age after age the living seek you and find that there is no end to your faithfulness. Our fathers walked by your guidance and trusted in your compassion. Continue to be for us the cloud by day and the fire by night. Where but in you have we a shelter from the storm or a shadow from the heat of day? In our temptations, you alone know and are near. In sorrow, your pity revives the fainting soul; in prosperity and ease, it is your Spirit alone that can preserve us in humility. O Unfailing Supply of Peace and Righteousness, take now the veil from our hearts and join us in one communion with the prophets and saints who have trusted in you and were not ashamed; for we ask it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 96.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 44

HOW GREAT THOU ART

-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

Ephesians 2.4-7

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 679

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

***Confession of Faith**

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 16

¹ “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness” (1 Jn 3.4).

What is idolatry?

Idolatry is trusting in created things, rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.²

—The New City Catechism, No. 17

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 10.25-37

Sermon

“The Good Neighbor”
Mr. Ronnie Curfman, Pastoral Intern

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 499

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

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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² “For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.... They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator” (Rom 1.21, 25).

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. 629

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2.16-17

Postlude and Silent 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: Jenni Early

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 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 is on break. It resumes Sunday, May 5, at 6:30 PM, 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: "The Good Neighbor" (Luke 10.25-37)

1. The Most Important Question

2. The Enormous Command

3. An Unexpected Answer

4. The Proper Response

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen has entered the final stages of his battle with cancer. Pray for our Father to speed his passing and ease his suffering. Please pray for Amy and Katherine as they let go. He is presently surrounded with his family and friends.

Christ Central Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Greg Joines, our church planter in Corvallis, that God strengthens him and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and church he is planting.

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.

Tom & Melissa Manning have returned to Turkey. Pray for their ministry to the Syrian refugees, as well as for their mentoring of other team leaders who are serving in the area.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

April 29	Matthew Halvorson
April 30	Elizabeth Miller
May 1	Josie Miller
May 3	Isaac Miller
May 3	Jacob Schroeder
May 3	Gunnar McBean

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.

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 fellowship.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the doctrine of the trinity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381. Positively, two affirmations are made about each person of the Godhead. Reading from the center circle outward: God (Deus) is (est) Father (P is for Pater), God is Son (F is for Filius), and God is Holy Spirit (SS is for Spiritus Sanctus). Reading from the outer circles inward: the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Negatively, two affirmations are likewise made about each person of the Godhead. Reading clockwise and counter-clockwise from one outer circle to the other two: the Father is not (non est) the Son or the Holy Spirit, the Son is not the Father or the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son.