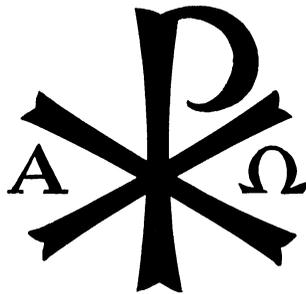


LORD'S DAY

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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

Great are you, O Lord, and highly to be praised; great is your power and your wisdom immeasurable. We desire to praise you, human beings carrying the witness of our sin and the knowledge that you resist the proud. Stir us, we pray, to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 104.24-34

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 122

GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy on us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.15-17a

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 185

MAJESTIC SWEETNESS SITS ENTHRONED

***Confession of Faith**

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 18

¹ "For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience" (Eph 5.5-6).

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 10.38-42

Sermon

"The Good Portion"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

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FATHER, I KNOW THAT ALL MY LIFE

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. 523

MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, each day, to hunger for you more than anything else; and in so doing to discover the life for which we were created. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Kathy Martin

Next Week: Kristina Halvorson

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 resumes tonight, at 6:30 PM, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

The Women's Study is on break for the summer. Thank you to all who participated this year.

Sermon Notes: "The Good Portion" (Luke 10.38-42)

1. What Jesus Didn't Mean

2. What Jesus Did Mean

3. Jesus' Message to Us

Prayer Concerns

The Allen Family: Pray for Amy and Katherine and all of Andrew's family and friends as they mourn his death. May they know the peace that surpasses all understanding. (The funeral is this Saturday, at Faith PCA, in Tacoma.)

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.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they continue to make ready their plans to plant a church in Kiev, for Alister's teaching responsibilities at the seminary, and that God grants them many opportunities to befriend and share the gospel with unbelievers.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

May 5	Kevin Chabre
May 5	Sandy Miller
May 7	Sayer McBean
May 10	Judie Jud
May 10	Collie Parsons

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center on Monday, May 13. If you would like to help either preparing or serving the meal, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

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 Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.