

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

Father in heaven, we pray that you will in mercy look down upon us, your family, for whom the Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, given up into the hands of wicked men, and suffer death on the cross. Grant us the desires of our hearts this Lord's Day morning: to see you in your majesty and glory, to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love, and to hear your voice speaking in your Word. Help us, by your Spirit, to make a genuine and heartfelt offering of our praise, our love, and ourselves to you. Receive pleasure, this day, from your grateful people; for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 92

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would have them do to us. Most gracious Father, who has given your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we pray; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 253

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

***Confession of Faith**

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 23

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ “God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it” (Acts 2.24).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 12.13-34

Sermon

“In View of Eternity”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 658

JESUS, MY LORD, MY GOD, MY 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.

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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. 252

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that this week we might love you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Jenni Early

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 is beginning a study of the book of Revelation this week and all men are invited. The group meets on Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, in the chapel.

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, 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: "In View of Eternity" (Luke 12.13-34)

1. Beware of Worldliness (vv. 13-21)

2. Beware of a Worldly State of Mind (vv. 22-34)

Prayer Concerns

Christ Central Presbyterian Church, in Corvallis, ordained and installed officers last Sunday, which means it is now self-governed and no longer a church-plant. Pray for Rev. Greg Joines and the elders and deacons, as they lead and serve the congregation. May God be glorified and his kingdom advance through this church.

Rick Myers is recovering from his recent shoulder and arm surgery. Pray for continued healing, for freedom from pain, and for increased strength and mobility.

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 opportunities to befriend and share the gospel with unbelievers.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

June 10 Tom and Veronica Klicker

June 14 Andrew Early

A Gathering of Hearts: All ladies are invited to attend a gathering of hearts, as Melissa Manning (our missionary in Turkey) will speak to us on "The Wholehearted Life." Come to the church on Saturday, June 22, from 10:00 AM to Noon, to participate in this special sharing of Melissa's heart with us. Contact Cherry with questions, if you would like to help with refreshments/set up, or if you will need childcare. Girls are welcome too!

Ladies Garden Party: Please join Heidi Leinweber and Karen Sippert for an evening of dessert and fellowship on Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 at Karen's home, 34 Withva St, Walla Walla. If you have a lawn chair please bring it with you.

Picnic with the Mannings: Tom Manning will preach June 23, and following the Coffee Hour we will reconvene at Pioneer Park for a picnic, an extended time of fellowship, and to hear what God has been doing in Turkey. Please plan to join us.

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.