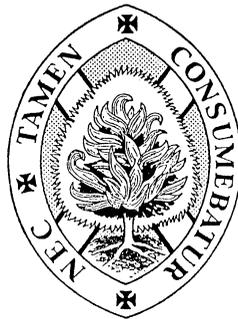


LORD'S DAY

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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, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I do, for I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding.

—Ambrose of Milan, AD 339-397

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 36:5-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 26

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come to you as your sons and your servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, yet aware of our continuing need of your grace. We confess that we have sinned against you; we have broken your commandments; we have fallen short of your glory. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. We acknowledge our guilt and recognize that we rightly fall under your curse and judgment. Blot out our transgressions, wash away our iniquities, forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Have mercy on us, O Lord; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 305

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

***Confession of Faith**

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 30

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.

¹ **Galations 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-32

Sermon

“The Parables of the Lost”
Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 457

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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. 14

NEW SONGS OF CELEBRATION RENDER

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, to think and do what is right; so that we, who cannot do anything good without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 first and third Thursdays of each month, during the school year), from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church. The first meeting of the school year will be September 19th.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, is meeting this summer at the Curfman's (1123 Olive 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 Revelation 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 for the month of July.

The Women's Study is on break for the summer.

Sermon Notes: "The Parables of the Lost" (Luke 15.1-32)

1. The Joy of the Father

2. The Younger Son

3. The Elder Son

4. You

Prayer Concerns

Clint Miller's son died unexpectedly last Sunday. Pray for comfort and wisdom for the Millers and Clint's daughter's family as they grieve the loss.

Rev. Jay & Bet Denton, along with their three daughters have arrived in Boise and are getting settled in. Pray that the transition to Boise would go smoothly, especially as his daughters begin school next month. Pray that Jay's ministry would be effective as he prepares to welcome the students back this fall.

Brian & Gail Frey: After eight years of faithful service at Boise State University, Brian has passed the RUF ministry off to a new campus minister and is beginning the work of planting Boise Presbyterian Church in downtown Boise. Pray for strength and direction as Brian gives himself to this new venture.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:

- Aug 1 John McBean
- Aug 2 Jacob and Samantha Schroeder
- Aug 3 Matthew and Kristina Halvorson

Financial Update: The May and June financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to view it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

Women's Retreat: Women of Covenant, save the dates of October 25-26 for our first women's retreat. Join us for some teaching, fellowship, and time worshipping our great God!

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

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."