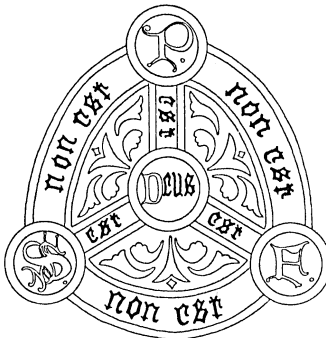


LORD'S DAY

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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

Lord God, we gather in this place not because we are deserving of your love, nor because we have lived faithfully before your face. We gather here because you called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son for our salvation. For this we join all creation in blessing you, praising you, and thanking you. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! You are great, and greatly to be praised. As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 100

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? Or if there is any evil that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that you have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so, and help us to follow you in every way and always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

***Confession of Faith**

What do justification and sanctification mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 32

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 "To those who are elect exiles . . . according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you" (1 Pet 1.1-2).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16.19-31

Sermon

“A Dramatic Reversal”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 493

WE HAVE NOT KNOWN THEE AS WE OUGHT

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. 693

BLESSED ASSURANCE

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Direct us, O Lord, in all our ways and by your mercy and power protect us, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your most holy Name, and on the Great Day, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Collie Parsons

Next Week: Samantha Schroeder

Gatherings

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 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.

Sermon Notes: "A Dramatic Reversal" (Luke 16.19-31)

1. The Parable Itself

2. The Lord's Point

3. Roles and What They Reveal

Prayer Concerns

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, that God strengthens and directs him as he begins to lay the groundwork for a new church in downtown Boise.

Tom & Melissa Manning have arrived in Turkey and are busy settling in and reconnecting with the Syrian refugees they met and had begun ministering to this past winter. Pray for God's blessing over these relationships and for the gospel ministry the Mannings are engaged in.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

August 17 Anna Curfman

How to Interpret the Bible: We needed 10 and 11 signed up. The class is go! Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman will be teaching a ten-week class on interpreting the Bible, on Mondays, beginning October 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. If you are interested in attending or would like to learn more about the class, talk to Pastor Ron or Ronnie.

Nursery Help Needed: We are looking for a few more adults who are willing to help in the nursery on a rotating basis during worship and, if need be, our Sunday school hour. If you are willing, please let Nicole Miller know.

Vacation: Pastor Ron will on vacation the next four weeks. If you need to reach him, his cell number and email are the surest way. And, of course, if you have an immediate need, Ronnie Curfman and the elders welcome your call.

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.

Women of Covenant: Do you need encouragement? Do you need vision for persevering through challenges? You are invited to a study this fall, co-led by Christina McBean and Cherry Gonzales, through the Epistle of James. Using an inductive study method, we will discover the letter's message of encouragement for the challenges of life and the times in which we live. The study will meet Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the chapel, beginning in October, and childcare will be provided. For more information, please talk to Christina or Cherry.

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 Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.