

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

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, as we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 29

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 46

ROUND THE LORD IN GLORY SEATED

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we are unworthy of your mercy and grace. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved or forgiven others as you, for Christ's sake, have loved and forgiven us. Too often we have lived in selfishness and pride, receiving the good gifts you have given, but failing to use them to bless and relieve the burdens of others. Pardon our offenses, we pray. Grant us the grace to feel and lament our share in the evil that made it necessary for Jesus to suffer and die for our salvation. Give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance wrought by our Lord and only Redeemer. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 164

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES

***Confession of Faith**

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 34

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 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Pet 2.9-12).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 17.20-37

Sermon

“The Coming of the Kingdom”
Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 324

CHRIST IS COMING!

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.

Words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

*Song of Thanksgiving

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

words Martin Luther, 1524
Tr. by Richard Massie, 1854; alt.
music Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
alt. Eileen Davis 2010



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es
2. It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con -
3. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly
4. So let us keep the fes - ti - val where - to the Lord in -
5. Then let us feast this joy - ful day on Christ, the Bread of



giv - en; but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from
tend - ed; the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was
gave us; he died on the ac - curs - ed tree, so strong his love! to
vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and
heav - en; the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil



heav - en; there - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right
end - ed; Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed
save us. See, his blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, death
lights us. By his grace he does im - part e - ter - nal sun - shine
leav - en. Christ a - lone our souls will feed, he is our meat and



thank - ful - ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!
up by death, his sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
to the heart; the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!
drink in - deed; faith lives up - on no oth - er Hal - le - lu - jah!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Father, make us willing to give up what we cannot keep, in order to gain what we can never lose; for we ask it in the name of the One who freely gave, and has been given the name above every name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller

Next Week: TBA

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

Sermon Notes: "The Coming of the Kingdom" (Luke 17.20-37)

1. What is the Kingdom?

2. How will the Kingdom come?

3. Preparedness for the Kingdom

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.

Boise RUF: 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 to RUF this fall.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

August 29 Jackson Leinweber

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 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. Contact Nicole Miller.

Vacation: Pastor Ron is on vacation for two more weeks. If you have an immediate need, Ronnie Curfman and the elders welcome your call.

Women of Covenant: Do you need encouragement? Do you need vision for persevering through challenges? See what the Epistle of James has to say about it. 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 McBean or Cherry Gonzales.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, don't miss the Women's Fall Retreat, Oct. 25 at 4 pm to 3 pm, Oct. 26. It will be at Camp Touchet and Rondi Lauterbach (Tucson, AZ) will be our featured teacher. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes lodging, meals, and speaker fees. Please contact Barb McLean if you are planning to attend or have any questions.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.