

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

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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

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 145.1-12

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, we long to enter your presence and worship you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness and glory, encouraged by your steadfast love. Yet there is often a coldness in our hearts, a hardness and an unwillingness to admit our sin and need of you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within; in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 167

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

***Confession of Faith**

What else did God create?

God created all things by his powerful Word, and all his creation was very good; everything flourished under his loving rule.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 5

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good” (Gen 1.31).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 2.8-11

Sermon

“Faithful Unto Death”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 689

BE STILL, MY SOUL

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 rings 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 body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging 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**

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ALAS, AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Janice Vander Griend

Gatherings

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Ronnie Curfman and Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, during the school year, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

The Tuesday Night Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Pastor Ron, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St) on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying Revelation, considering each passage before it is preached. All are welcome.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Tuesdays, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

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 Joshua 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.

The Women's Study, led by Cherry Gonzales and Christina McBean, is taking this week off. It will resume on Thursday, February 13, when they gather from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the chapel, to begin a new study of 1 Peter. All women are invited.

Sermon Notes: "Faithful Unto Death" (Revelation 2.8-11)

Prayer Concerns

Mike Givens is recovering and rehabbing from surgery at Regency at the Park. Pray that it continues to go well, and that he knows God's presence and is strengthened in his grace during this time.

Tom Manning: Pray for wisdom as Tom chooses a course of treatment for his lymphoma, that it is effective in eradicating it, and that he is strengthened daily by the presence and grace of God.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna AK, that God strengthens him and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the community and to the church he is planting.

Alister and Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they give themselves to church planting efforts 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

Anniversaries this Week:

February 2 Kevin and Laura Chabre

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and hope you will join us after the service for some refreshments and a time of 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.