

LORD'S DAY
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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, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. 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 Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 696

I'VE FOUND THE PEARL OF GREATEST PRICE

***Confession of Faith**

What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below—you shall not bow down to them or worship them. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 8

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.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 3.1-6

Sermon

"What's in a Name?"
Elder Jacob Schroeder, Pastoral Intern

¹ "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20.3).

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 341

O BREATH OF LIFE, COME SWEEPING THROUGH US

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

-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.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

words, Johann Franck, 1649
music, George Coles, 1835



1. Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2. Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3. Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der,
4. Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Today: Nicole Miller

Next Week: Jenni Early

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, led by Pastor Ron, 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, meets Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the chapel. The group is studying 1 Peter and all are invited.

Sermon Notes: "What's in a Name?" (Revelation 3.1-6)

1. A Good Reputation (vv. 1-3)

2. A Few Worthy Names (vv. 4-6)

Prayer Concerns

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in downtown Boise, that God blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and to the church he is planting.

Mike Givens is still at Regency at the Park but making tremendous progress. Pray that he is soon able to go home and for protection from further injuries.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Turkey): In addition to praying for Tom's ongoing battle with lymphoma, pray for the growing relationships he and Melissa are developing with Syrian refugees in Istanbul and other parts of Turkey they regularly visit, that God opens doors for the gospel and brings new life to many.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

February 27	Lynn and Collie Parsons
February 28	Christina McBean

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for and conduct the business of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can be praying for you.

Supper & Singing: The Schroeders are hosting a light supper and Psalm/Hymn Sing next Sunday. Dinner will be at 5:30, followed by singing at 6:30. Side dishes or desserts are welcome but not required. Soup and bread will be provided.

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

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."

