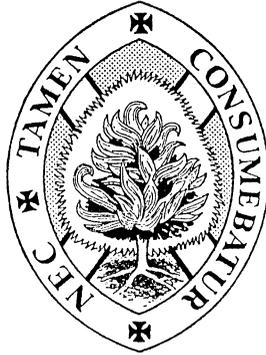


LORD'S DAY
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to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

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 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

Almighty God, who raised from the dead the Lord Jesus, we acknowledge we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit our eyes have been kept from discerning his presence with us. Through disappointment our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard his Word. We have not trusted in his redeeming power and have been overcome by evil. We have forgotten the good news of his victory over death and the things that belong to our peace. But in penitence we now come, beseeching your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us pardon from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of your salvation, for the sake of Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 49.15-16

Confession of Faith

What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments¹ is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.²

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 2

¹ “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Tim 3.16). You are “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone” (Eph 2.20).

² “That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete” (1 Jn 1.3-4).

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-

Sermon

“Reaping the Whirlwind”

1 Kings 1.1-11

Rev. Ron Gonzales

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

All who are baptized Christians, living under the authority of Christ and his body, the church, are warmly invited to partake of the Supper. Simply tell the elder or deacon who passes before you whether you prefer wine or grape juice. We will wait and partake together after everyone has been served. By eating the bread and drinking 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 but commend to you instead 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 Faith in God**

Hymn No. 94

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

*Please stand if able.

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, is resuming January 19. It will meet then and on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, and will study 1 Kings. All are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. It has just begun a new series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills will be studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited!

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "Reaping the Whirlwind" (1 Kings 1.1-11)

Prayer Concerns

Tom & Melissa Manning spent the holidays in the states. They are now headed back to Turkey. Pray for safe travels and an easy re-entry into life and ministry among Syrian refugees. Pray their words fall on fertile hearts, eager to receive the gospel and to grow in Christ. And pray for Tom's health, that his cancer remains in remission and that he continues to enjoy renewed strength.

The Persecuted Church: There are 3.6 million Christians out of 4.8 million people in *The Central African Republic*, making Christianity the main religion. The Central African Republic, however, has been embroiled in conflict since 2013. Most of the country remains occupied by armed militia, with numerous rebel groups targeting Christians specifically. Over the last year, tens of thousands have been displaced from their homes, and Christian leaders who denounce the violence suffer threats on their lives. Pray that these Christians know God's peace and provision amidst the chaos and uncertainty. Pray God's protection over the Christian leaders, as they minister to their congregations in the face of danger. And pray for the new believers who endure threats by family members and are often ostracized by their communities.

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church: Rev. Craig Harris began planting a church in Yakima this past June. Pray for God's blessing as he gives himself to this new work. May the Lord use it to draw many to himself, establishing them in the grace of the gospel.

A Stronghold in Times of Trouble: David writes, "The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD have not forsaken those who seek you" (Ps 9.9-10). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Roberta Haer, Judie Jud, Del Klicker, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* find great comfort and security in the Lord, their only sure refuge.

Announcements

The Men's Group is moving to Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, beginning this week.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and are eager to get acquainted.

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."