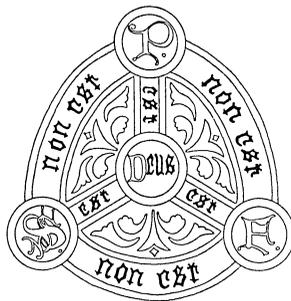


LORD'S DAY

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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

Glorious Lord, it is the passion of our lives to worship you, the crown and glory of our souls to adore you. Enable us by your Spirit to do so now, that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness. This we ask in Jesus' name. 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

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy on us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 164

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Confession of Faith

What are God's works of providence?

God's works of providence are his most holy,¹ wise,² and powerful preserving³ and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.⁴

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 11

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 "The LORD is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works" (Ps 145.17).

² "O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures" (Ps 104.24). "This also comes from the LORD of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom" (Is 28.29).

³ "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power" (Heb 1.3).

⁴ "The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all" (Ps 103.19). "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Mt 10.29-31).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Wages of Sin”

1 Kings 14.1-20

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. We will 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 Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 465

MARVELOUS GRACE OF OUR LOVING LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying 1 Kings and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series, led by Kirk Alden, entitled "Leading by the Book," in which fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are 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.

The Women's Ministry Study, led by Cherry Gonzales, is studying the Psalms of Ascent (120-134), on Tuesdays at 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. (Morning coffee provided!) All women are invited.

Sermon Notes: "The Wages of Sin" (1 Kings 14.1-20)

Prayer Concerns

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: Rev. Craig Harris is planting a church in Yakima. Pray for God's blessings as he gives himself to this new work, and that the Lord leads him to many who are hungry to hear and respond to the gospel.

Jay & Bet Denton (Boise): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff as they engage students on the Boise State campus, that God leads them to those who are eager to consider the gospel, who have believing hearts, and who want to grow in Christian discipleship.

Hoping in God: The psalmist writes, "The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love" (Ps 147.11). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Roberta Haer, Judie Jud, Del Klicker, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, Vickie Myers, and Samantha Schroeder* set their hope again this week in the LORD's steadfast love.

The Persecuted Church: There are 887,000 Christians out of 168 million people in *Bangladesh*, one of the most densely populated countries in the world, and whose people are predominately Muslim. Those who convert from Islam or tribal religions must gather in small house churches for fear of attack. And those who belong to ethnic minority groups like the Rohingya are doubly vulnerable, since they are harassed for both their religion and their ethnicity. Pray for Christians who are meeting in secret but desire to share their faith despite the risks they face. Pray for believers who have had to flee their communities out of pressure to renounce their faith. And pray for Christians who are mentally and physically abused on a regular basis as they go about their daily routines.

Announcements

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 pray for you.

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

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.