

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

Father, may our lives be steeped in prayer, filled with a spirit of grace and supplication, each prayer perfumed with the incense of atoning blood. Help us, until from praying ground we pass to the realm of unceasing praise. Urged by our need, invited by your promises, called by your Spirit, we enter your presence, worshipping you in godly fear, awed by your majesty and your glory, and encouraged by your love. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 105.1-6

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 32

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O LORD, our God, who brought his people out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery and by Christ delivered us from sin: You have been faithful to keep all the promises of your covenant. But we, O Lord, have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness. We have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and truth and so have mocked your glory. We have used your name in vain and profaned your reputation on earth. We have desecrated your Sabbath because we have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored our father and mother and so have proved ourselves rebels. We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts. We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes or deeds of our flesh. We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours. We have lied and falsely accused for we love gossip more than truth. We have coveted blessings you wisely and righteously gave to others. O Lord have mercy on us for we have not kept your law. In Jesus Name. Amen.

—Based on the Ten Commandments

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.1-4

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 185

MAJESTIC SWEETNESS SITS ENTHRONED

Confession of Faith

What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?

All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God,¹ are under his wrath and curse,² and so made liable to all miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.³

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 19

Recognition and Prayer for Our Graduates: Annie Carpenter and Jackson Leinweber

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ "...the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God...And he said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.' ...He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life" (Gen 3.8, 10, 24).

² "...by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind" (Eph 2.3). "For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them'" (Gal 3.10).

³ "Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins" (Lam 3.39)? "For the wages of sin is death..." (Rom 6.23). "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels' ...And these will go away into eternal punishment" (Mt 25.41, 46).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Christian Busyness”

Colossians 4.2-6

Pastoral Intern, Jacob Schroeder

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 prayer 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.

***Song of Faith in God**

Hymn No. 481

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Psalm 67.1-2

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 Covenant Women's Study, led by Jenni Early, is studying the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7), on Tuesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. All women are welcome, and copies of the passage and questions for next week are available on the literature table.

Sermon Notes: "Christian Busyness" (Colossians 4.2-6)

Prayer Concerns

Hilltop Presbyterian Church: Rev. Jon Neville is planting a church in Ferndale. Pray for God's blessing 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.

The Persecuted Church: There are 1.2 million Christians out of 9.5 million people in the *United Arab Emirates (UAE)*. Christian expatriates are free to worship privately, but the government does not allow them to evangelize or pray in public. Family and community members often try to persuade those who convert from Islam to recant their Christian faith. As a result, converts tend not to reveal their conversion out of fear of being harmed. Pray for leaders of the UAE to have wisdom and tolerance, allowing citizens to change their faith. Pray the government is able to keep the country safe from terrorist groups and provide policies that encourage young people to work for the good of the country. And pray for Christian women who convert from Islam and lose their rights to possessions and their children.

My Portion Forever: The psalmist prayed, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (Ps 73.26). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers* know Christ as their greatest and most treasured portion.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they give themselves to planting a new church in Kiev, for Alister's teaching responsibilities at the seminary, and that God blesses their labors as they reach out to unbelievers around them.

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.

Financial Update: The May financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to view it, Jacob Schroeder would be happy to give it to you.

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."