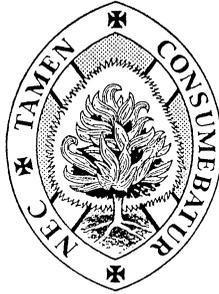


LORD'S DAY

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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

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen to your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 16.23-27

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 7

FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty and all holy Father: We confess ourselves unworthy of your unspeakable gift. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we always been loving, kindhearted, and forgiving toward one another, as you, for Christ's sake, have been toward us. We have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts you have bestowed, we have not used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out our offenses, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 165

YE SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM

Confession of Faith

How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul,¹ being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her,² yet without sin.³

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 22

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ "...but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men" (Phil 2.7). Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil (Heb 2.14, 17).

² "...to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. And the angel answered her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy — The Son of God" (Luke 1.27, 31, 35).

³ "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5.21). "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Heb 4.15). "For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens" (Heb 7.26). "You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin" (1 John 3.5).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“By All Means”
1 Corinthians 9.19-23
Rev. Pete Williamson

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 230

THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR

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 (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring 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 Faith in God**

Hymn No. 116

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

-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 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: "By All Means" (1 Corinthians 9.19-23)

Prayer Concerns

A Hope That Will Not Disappoint: Paul writes that “suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” In addition to strength and healing, pray that Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Tom Manning, Elizabeth Miller, and Vickie Myers would hold fast to their hope, being filled with God’s love, and so find reason to rejoice even in suffering.

Tom & Melissa Manning, our missionaries to Turkey, have returned to the United States, where Tom is receiving cancer treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. Pray the treatment proves effective in defeating the cancer and that the Lord would give both Tom and Melissa times of rest and peace as well as opportunities to share the gospel with Arabic speakers in the Phoenix valley.

The Persecuted Church: There are an estimated 300,000 Christians out of 26 million people living in *North Korea*. If discovered, Christians are either deported to labor camps as political criminals or even killed on the spot. Meeting other Christians to worship is nearly impossible unless it is done in complete secrecy. Pray for the endurance and courage for those who are suffering in labor camps. Pray that diplomatic efforts might result in religious freedom in North Korea. And pray that the power of the gospel might effect real change in the country’s leaders, leading to freedom and peace for Christians there.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Craig Davis, our church planter in Yakima. Pray that God would bless his labors, that the Lord would establish and strengthen the congregation, and that the gospel would be made clear to many in the community through them.

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you.

Women’s Recharge: Come learn to study the Bible with your sisters. Covenant women will be putting on a women’s fellowship and workshop next Saturday, at the church, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Jenni Early (509-240-9979) so we know how much food to prepare. Older girls are welcome, as long as they are able to sit through some listening and quiet study time.

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.”