

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 89.5-8

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 103

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

—From *The Book of Common Prayer*

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 255

O JESUS, WE ADORE THEE

Confession of Faith

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice,¹ and reconcile us to God,² and in making continual intercession for us.³

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 25

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53.4-6).

² For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation (Rom 5.10-11).

³ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us (Rom 8.34). Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them (Heb 7.25).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Answer for a Fearful World”
Colossians 2.6-7
Rev. Jay Denton

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 499

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

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 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.

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. 55

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

-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: "The Answer for a Fearful World" (Colossians 2.6-7)

Prayer Concerns

A Love Better than Life: David wrote: “Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So, I will bless you as long as I live” (Psalm 6.3-4a). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Tom Manning, and Vickie Myers* would be reassured of the all-surpassing riches of God’s steadfast love.

Rev. Chris and Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister to the Yakama people, that God uses them to convey the love of the Savior to many, and that through their witness a great number come to know and grow in Christ.

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.

The Persecuted Church: Pray for our brothers and sisters in *Pakistan* where only about 2% of the population is Christian. Churches are heavily monitored and frequently attacked by terrorists. Anti-blasphemy laws make it difficult and dangerous for Christians to live out their faith in public. Pray that the Pakistani government would pass laws to protect Christians. Pray also for the protection of converts from Islam who are particularly vulnerable to persecution from radical groups, friends, family, and neighbors. And pray for those accused under blasphemy laws—that God would support them through their trials and that justice would prevail.

Announcements

Congratulations to Ronnie and Anna Curfman on the birth of their daughter, Agnes Sui-King Curfman on Sunday, July 25. She came early but weighed 6 lbs, 8 oz and is 19.5” long. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us, following the service, for some refreshments and fellowship.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul...” When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.