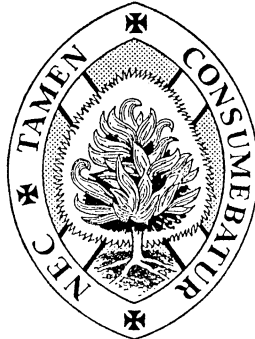


LORD'S DAY
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to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Father in heaven, we pray that you will in mercy look down upon us, your family, for whom the Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, given up into the hands of wicked men, and suffer death on the cross. Grant us the desires of our hearts this Lord's Day morning: to see you in your majesty and glory, to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love, and to hear your voice speaking in your Word. Help us, by your Spirit, to make a genuine and heartfelt offering of our praise, our love, and ourselves to you. Receive pleasure, this day, from your grateful people; for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 96.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 44

HOW GREAT THOU ART

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil, who transgress without end your holy law, and have therefore drawn upon ourselves condemnation and death. But, O Lord, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways. Have compassion on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. And in removing our guilt, grant us the daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, so that acknowledging our unrighteousness, we may be touched with the sorrow that works true repentance, and that your Spirit, putting to death sin, may produce in us the fruits of holiness, which are well pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:9-10

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 324

CHRIST IS COMING!

Confession of Faith

How do we take part in the redemption purchased by Christ?

We take part in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us¹ by his Holy Spirit.²

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 29

¹ "He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (Jn 1:11-12).

² "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior" (Tit 3:5-6).

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Gospel in Flesh and Blood”

2 King 5.1-14

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 561

LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK

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 but 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. 523

MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Pastor Ron and Elder Jacob Schroeder, meets every other Wednesday afternoon, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church. This fall the class is studying Qs 38-52 of the New City Catechism. For more information, talk to Pastor Ron.

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 2 Kings and all are welcome.

The Men's Group is resuming its "Leading by the Book" study, led by Kirk Alden, on October 1. The group will continue meeting on Fridays, from 6:00 to 7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. The study is of fifty-two leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills, 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 Chris McBean, is studying 1 John on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room. All women are invited.

Sermon Notes: "The Gospel in Flesh and Blood" (2 Kings 5.1-14)

Prayer Concerns

Afghanistan: Pray for the Americans and our Afghan partners trying to leave Afghanistan, that they are kept safe and are soon able to depart.

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in Boise, that God strengthens and directs him as he labors to establish this young congregation.

The Persecuted Church: There 744,000 Christians out of 18.5 million people in *Syria*, which is principally an Islamic nation. The country's years-long civil war has left it in turmoil and Christians have not been spared the suffering. Even in more secure parts of Syria, those who have converted from Islam face pressure and discrimination. Pray for peace. Pray for relief and aid for those who have fled their homes or lack basic resources in their cities. And pray for Syrian church leaders to have wisdom and perseverance as they lead their people.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrenses 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.

Treading on the Heights: Habakkuk declared, "The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights" (Hab 3.19). In addition to healing, pray that *Eric & Karen Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Tom Manning, and Rick & Vickie Myers* know the LORD's strength this week and are enabled to tread on any heights he puts before them.

Announcements

Financial Update: The August 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.

Ladies of Covenant: Another special "day away" is being planned for you at the church this Saturday. We will begin at 9:00 AM, enjoy fellowship, some teaching from the lives of Ruth and David by Cherry Gonzales, a wonderful lunch and the gift of friendship among us, wrapping up at 3:00 PM. Please RSVP to Jenni Early or Chris McBean.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting 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.

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."