

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, worshiping you in godly fear, awed by your majesty and your glory, and encouraged by your love. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 111.1-10

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 1

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

-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

Romans 8.1-4

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 243

PRAISE THE SAVIOR NOW AND EVER

Confession of Faith

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace,¹ by which we receive and rest on him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the Gospel.²

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 86

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph 2.8-9).

² “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” (Jn 1.12). “...yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified” (Gal 2.16). “...and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith” (Ph 3.9).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“God’s Confident Children”

1 John 2.28-3.24

Elder Jacob Schroeder

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 347

THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION

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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***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 455

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

Psalm 67.1-2

Gatherings

Home Fellowship is taking the month of July off. It will resume its study of Hebrews on August 2 at Chad and Heidi Leinweber's.

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.

Sermon Notes: "God's Confident Children" (1 John 2.28-3.24)

Prayer Concerns

Chris & 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 Christ to many, and that through their witness a great number on the reservation come to know the Savior and grow in him.

The Persecuted Church: There are about 36,000 Christians among more than 6 million people living in *Libya*. Without a single central government to maintain law and order, Christians have no freedom of speech, no equal treatment, and no recognition of their churches. Christians with a Muslim background face violent and intense pressure to renounce their faith. Pray for the protection of Christian converts, and that they would be able to connect with other believers. Pray also that a stable government could be established in *Libya* and that it would provide better protections for Christians.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna, AK as he prepares the congregation for electing elders and deacons, and as he continues to reach out with the love of Christ to those in the Kenai Peninsula.

For the Sick and Hurting Among Us: The psalmist prayed: "I know, O LORD, that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight" (Psalm 119.75-77). Pray that those of us who are suffering would find comfort in God's faithfulness even in their afflictions, and that God would mercifully heal and restore them to good health. Pray especially for *Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers, Rich Parker and Wayne Snavely..*

Ukraine: Pray for an end to the war, that Ukraine remains a free nation, and that God continues to use his people to bring help to the hurting and the lost.

Announcements

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 Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.