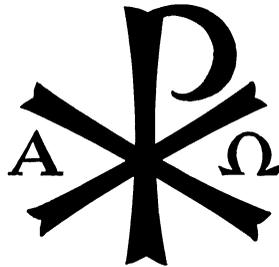


REFORMATION SUNDAY

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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

O God, who was and is and ever shall be, before whose face the generations rise and pass away: Age after age the living seek you and find that there is no end to your faithfulness. Our fathers walked by your guidance and trusted in your compassion. Continue to be for us the cloud by day and the fire by night. Where but in you have we a shelter from the storm or a shadow from the heat of day? In our temptations, you alone know and are near. In sorrow, your pity revives the fainting soul; in prosperity and ease, it is your Spirit alone that can preserve us in humility. O Unfailing Supply of Peace and Righteousness, take now the veil from our hearts and join us in one communion with the prophets and saints who have trusted in you and were not ashamed; for we ask it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 18.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 92

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who raised from the dead the Lord Jesus, we acknowledge we are unworthy of your redeeming grace. We have not believed your promises nor trusted in our living Lord. Through worldliness of spirit our eyes have been kept from discerning his presence with us. Through disappointment our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard his Word. We have not trusted in his redeeming power and have been overcome by evil. We have forgotten the good news of his victory over death and the things that belong to our peace. But in penitence we now come, beseeching your forgiveness. Mercifully grant us pardon from all our sins, and restore unto us the joy of your salvation, for the sake of Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2.13-14

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 299

LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS

Confession of Faith

For what do we pray in the fourth petition?

In the fourth petition, which is, "Give us this day our daily bread,"¹ we pray that, of God's free gift, we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.²

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 104

¹ "Give us this day our daily bread" (Mt 6.11).

² "Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God" (Pr 30.8-9). "For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer" (1 Tim 4.4-5).

Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Heart of the Matter”

Romans 2.17-29

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 518

CHRIST, OF ALL MY HOPES THE GROUND

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 SACRAMENTS-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray, grape juice in the outer rings. 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 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. 679

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

-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 6:00 to 7:30 PM. They are studying Romans 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.

Women's Studies: This fall women are meeting in pairs or small groups to study 1 and 2 Timothy. Study guides are available on the literature table. If you need help finding a partner or a group, please let us know.

Sermon Notes: "The Heart of the Matter" (Romans 2.17-29)

Prayer Concerns

God's Right Hand: David prayed, "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me" (Ps 138.7). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Paul Carmichael, Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, and Rick & Vickie Myers* know the Lord's preserving and delivering hand this week.

Tom & Melissa Manning leave today for Turkey and Jordan, where they will spend three weeks visiting and ministering to those they helped establish in the faith. Pray for safe travels, for effective ministry, and that God grants Tom the strength he will need.

The Persecuted Church: There are 4 million Christians out of 54 million people in *Myanmar*, formerly known as Burma. Extremists believe that to be Burmese is to be Buddhist, so there is intense pressure on all religious minorities, including Christians. Churches have been closed and the government severely restricts the rights of believers. Pray for persecuted Christians, that they would lovingly care for other persecuted minorities, including Muslims (there is great opportunity for ministry to them). Pray that many would be open to the gospel. And pray that those who convert from Islam and Buddhism would see their need to be a part of the church.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldotna, AK as he shepherds the flock and trains men as officers who will help him do the same.

Announcements

Men & Boys: Join us downstairs this coming Saturday, at 8:00 AM, for our Monthly Fellowship Breakfast, and bring a friend or neighbor!

Reformation Sunday Evening Service: We have been invited by Grace URC, in Kennewick, to their Reformation service tonight at 5:00 PM

Reformation Night (Oct 31) Event: We have been invited by Bethel Baptist Church, in Milton-Freewater, to a fun event from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, to celebrate God's preservation of the Church through the Protestant Reformation. It will begin in the sanctuary with a short film, then move to the gym for Reformation themed games, in which kids can earn candy and prizes.

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.