

**LORD'S DAY**  
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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**

Heavenly Father, Giver and Sustainer of all life: Help us, as we draw near, to love and adore and worship you with all that we are and all that we have to offer, for you alone are worthy. Amen

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 100.1-5

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 716*

*SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST*

**-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

**Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father, what could move hearts like ours, which have your Son, yet still lack confidence? Would another sacrifice convince the guilty of your grace? Would health convince the ailing of your care? Would more money convince the struggling of your kindness? Would a miracle convince the doubter that you hear prayers? O God, our sin is ever before you. You gave your own Son, yet we still doubt you. He is our consolation, but trouble makes us question your care; our shield, but persecution makes us slow to speak your name; our provision, but hunger makes us neglect your kingdom; our atonement, but death makes us fear your judgment. What more could be given to a people? What more could be done? Forgive us our folly; forgive us our sins and give us confidence in the gift of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 8.31-32

## **\*Song of Faith in Christ**

*Hymn No. 715*

*COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME*

### **Confession of Faith**

What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

**The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen,"<sup>1</sup> teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only,<sup>2</sup> and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him;<sup>3</sup> and in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, "Amen."<sup>4</sup>**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 107

### **Prayer for the Church and the World**

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<sup>1</sup> [For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.] (Mt 6.13, NAS)

<sup>2</sup> See Daniel 9.4, 7-9, 16-19.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name" (1 Chr 29.10-13).

<sup>4</sup> Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? (1 Cor 14.16)

**-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Sermon**

“Father Abraham”  
Romans 3.27-4.12  
Elder Jacob Schroeder

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 520*

*JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS*

**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. 116*

*FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

### **Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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### **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: "Father Abraham" (Romans 3.27-4.12)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church:* Rev. Craig Harris is planting a church in Yakima. Pray for God's blessing as he gives himself to this work, and that the Lord leads him to many who are hungry to hear and respond to the gospel.

*Rev. Drew & Jessica Burdette (Boise State University):* Pray for the Burdettes and the RUF staff as they reach out to students with the gospel and disciple those who know Christ and are eager to grow in the faith.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 70,000 Christians out of 6 million people in *Turkmenistan*, which controls every aspect of daily life, including religious worship. While most citizens are Muslim, their allegiance is cultural rather than religious. Christians are more devout, therefore they are more closely monitored, and both church leaders and congregants live under constant fear of imprisonment. Pray for believers who were formerly Muslim, that their faith proves genuine and grows strong despite the pressures they face. And pray for the churches, that they remain safe and are able to gather for worship.

*My Strength and My Song:* Having experienced God's deliverance, the people of Israel sang, "The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him" (Ex 15.2). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Paul Carmichael, Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Judie Jud, Tom Manning* and *Rick & Vickie Myers* might have this song on their lips as well.

## **Announcements**

*Advent Services:* We will have three Sunday evening Advent services, December 4, 11, and 18, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. In addition to Scripture readings and Christmas carols, each week we will consider how the incarnate Son is the fulfillment of God's revelation of himself.

*Directory Update:* We will be printing an updated church directory in December. If your information has changed or you would like to be in the directory, please let us know.

*Hanging the Greens:* We will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent this coming Saturday, at 9:00 AM. If you would like to help, please join us.

*The Women of Covenant* will be having a Christmas Brunch from 9:00 to noon on Saturday, December 10. Mark your calendars. We will be discussing 1 and 2 Timothy. Please come whether you have studied it or not. And bring a dish to share.