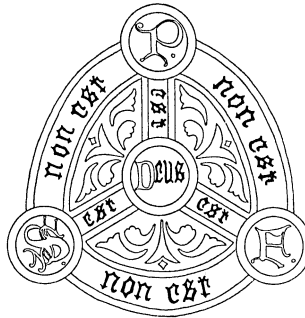


LORD'S DAY
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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts this day, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and in outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 29.10-13

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 38

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation'" (Ps 35.3)! Come, O God, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 181

WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU

Confession of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed¹

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“God’s Work and Ours”

Psalm 127.1-5

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 585

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

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.

Words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

-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.

*Song of Thanksgiving

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

words Horatius Bonar, 1843
music Eileen Davis, 2002

1. I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of
2. I lay my wants on Je - sus; All ful - ness dwells in
3. I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of
4. I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov - ing, low - ly,

God; He bears them all, and frees us From the ac - curs - ed
him; He heals all my di - seas - es, He doth my soul re -
mine; His right hand me em - brac - es. I on his breast re -
mild; I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa - ther's ho - ly

load: I bring my guilt to Je - sus, To wash my crim - son
deem: I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my
cline. I love the Name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the
Child: I long to be with Je - sus A - mid the heav'n - ly

stains White in his blood most pre - cious, Till not a spot re - mains.
cares; He from them all re - leas - es, He all my sor - rows shares.
Lord; Like fra - grance on the breez - es His Name a - broad is poured.
throng, To sing with saints his prais - es, To learn the an - gels' song.

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group is on break. The group will resume its study of Romans January 17. Everyone is invited!

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 Work and Ours" (Psalm 127.1-5)

Prayer Concerns

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in Boise, as he seeks to develop leaders for this congregation, that together they might become a people who love one another and outsiders well as they continue to grow in grace.

The Persecuted Church: There are 5 million Christians out of 20.3 million people in *Burkina Faso*, a west African nation that has recently seen an onslaught of deadly attacks on Christian churches by Islamic extremists, in which worshipers were told to convert to Islam or die. Pray for God's comfort and grace for those who have lost loved ones. Pray that Christians have the strength to remain firm in their faith as they face increased hostility. And as extremist ideologies sweep across the region, pray the truth of the gospel becomes more and more obvious and that God grants salvation to many.

Strength for the Weary: Isaiah writes, "Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God?' Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Is 40.27-31). In addition to healing, pray that *Paul Carmichael, Sandy Cupolillo, Mike Givens, Nancy Hoeft, Judie Jud, Tom Manning, Rick & Vickie Myers* and *Danielle Parker* know the Lord's renewing strength this week.

Announcements

Daily Bible Reading: Reading through the Bible regularly is vital to our spiritual growth. Many of us will be doing so again in 2023 using M'Cheyne's daily schedule, which is available on the literature table. Please consider joining us.

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

Sunday School resumes January 8.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the trinity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.