LORD'S DAY January 3, 2016



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of 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 makes Thyself known in the stillness: Make me to know Thy presence in this sacred place; make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth. Through the voices of men and the instruments of praise lift my heart to Thee and so purify my life that, going forth, I may go in Thy strength and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 72.18-19

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song of Praise to God

Hymn No. 457

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are unable to understand, but which are all known to you. We, therefore, flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 12.1-2

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4.17-24 and Romans 12.2

Sermon

"New Year's Resolutions or New Year's Renewal?"

Mr. Chad Leinweber, Elder

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 226

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

Worship of God with Tithes and Offering

*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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Confession of Faith

What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

-The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 1

*Song of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 55 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Eternal God, who makes all things new, and abides forever the same: Grant us to begin this new year in your faith, and to continue it in your favor; that, being guided in all our doings, and guarded in all our days, we may spend our lives in your service, and finally, by your grace, attain the glory of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller Next Week: Erica Leinweber & Abby Carpenter

Sunday School

Today: Peter & Jenni Next Week: Peter & Jenni

Prayer Concerns

Brain & Gail Frey (Boise State): With spring semester about to begin, pray for God's blessing on the ministry of RUF at Boise State University. May many respond in faith to the gospel and, with those who already know Christ, grow in grace.

Thanks for praying for *Shelley Kelly* (Duane Jud's daughter). She had a successful appendectomy on Dec. 30, went home the same day, and is doing well. All of Shelley's family, husband, 2 children, the Juds and the Kellys, are so very happy & thankful for this outcome. Praise God!

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

January 3 Oliver Miller January 6 Adam Little

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center next Monday, January 11. We would love to have your help, either in preparing or serving the meal. If you would like to share in this ministry, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

Sunday School begins today, with classes for all ages. Please to join us.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, fellowship, and if your schedule permits, our Sunday School hour.

Weekly Gatherings

The Leinweber's Home Fellowship Group meets at their home on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Dinner is provided, children are welcome, and the group is a lot of fun!

The Men's Group resumes its study of Genesis this Thursday, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381. Positively, two affirmations are made about each person of the Godhead. Reading from the center circle outward: God (Deus) is (est) Father (P is for Pater), God is Son (F is for Filius), and God is Holy Spirit (SS is for Spiritus Sanctus). Reading from the outer circles inward: the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Negatively, two affirmations are likewise made about each person of the Godhead. Reading clockwise and counter-clockwise from one outer circle to the other two: the Father is not (non est) the Son or the Holy Spirit, the Son is not the Father or the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father or the Son.