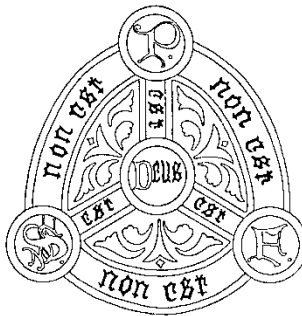


LORD'S DAY

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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

Holy and loving God,
as we worship you today,
we long for your Spirit to both comfort and challenge us,
to help us become more holy and more loving.
In a world that does not understand repentance,
we pray for new understanding, humility, patience, and discipline
that will help us die to sin and live for Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 100

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

-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

1 John 1.6-9

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 696

I'VE FOUND THE PEARL OF GREATEST PRICE!

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-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 1.1-31

Sermon

“The Refiner’s Fire”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 529

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

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.

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

Confession of Faith

What is your only comfort
in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong –
 body and soul,
 in life and in death –
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

– The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 1

-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are admitting 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 to you 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. 252

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Lord, we plead with you to give us grace
to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil;
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Renee Hedine & Emily Leinweber *Next Week:* Nicole Miller & Anna Vander Griend
Sunday School:

Today: Janice Vander Griend & Sam Schroeder *Next Week:* Eileen Davis & Sandy Miller

Financial Update

December General Fund

Congregational Giving	\$ 9,896
Outside Giving	<u>300</u>
Total Income	\$10,196

Budgeted Expense	\$ 8,283
Actual Expenses	\$ 7,905

Year-to-Date¹ General Fund

Congregational Giving	\$63,083
Outside Giving	<u>5,715</u>
Total Income	\$68,798

Budgeted Expenses	\$66,264
Actual Expenses	\$66,813

¹ Our fiscal year runs May 1 through April 30.

Prayer Concerns

Debbie Adamson recently took a fall and is suffering from shoulder and knee pain. Pray that physical therapy helps, that the pain subsides, and that she is strengthened in grace amidst the difficulty.

Laure Chabre is five months pregnant and has been in severe back pain for a week. Pray that therapy helps, that the pain recedes, and that the baby is kept safe.

Karl Hedine is having a tumor and part of his colon removed this Wednesday. Pray the surgery goes well, that the pathology report confirms that the cancer has not spread, and that Karl and the entire family are kept in God's peace.

The Pacific Northwest Presbytery meets this Thursday and Friday in Issaquah. Pray that the ministers and elders attending heed the Spirit in their deliberations and honor the Lord in their decisions.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

January 18	Del Klicker
January 20	Miranda Kimmell
January 21	Patrick Buob

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

Home Fellowship Group meets on all but first Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at Jack and Pat Lilly's (1607 Evergreen St), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This week they are studying Isaiah 2.1-22. All are invited!

Men's Group is studying Genesis on Thursdays, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

Women's Group is studying 1 Peter on Fridays, at 1:00 PM, at the church. If you would like to learn more please contact Cherry Gonzales. All women 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 Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.