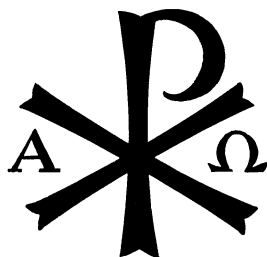


LORD'S DAY

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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

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**

Psalm 46.1-7, 10-11

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 92

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,
we humble ourselves in your presence,
confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight.
We have broken your holy law.
We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness.
We have been anxious and troubled about many things,
and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,
or done to others as we would have them do to us.
Most gracious Father,
who has given your Son, Jesus Christ,
to save your people from their sins;
forgive us, we pray;
cleanse us from all unrighteousness,
and renew a right spirit within us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2.4-7

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 311

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2.1-22

Sermon

“Hope and Humility”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 642

BE THOU MY VISION

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 do you believe about the recovery of fallen man?

**We believe that our good God,
by his marvelous wisdom and goodness,
seeing that man had plunged himself in this manner
into both physical and spiritual death
and made himself completely miserable,
set out to find him,
though man,
trembling all over,
was fleeing from him.**

**And he comforted him,
promising to give him his Son,
“born of a woman,”
to crush the head of the serpent,
and to make him blessed.**

—The Belgic Confession, Article 17

-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. 455

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets,
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Grant us the grace to heed their warning and forsake our sin,
that we may greet with joy the coming of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller & Anna Vander Griend *Next Week:* Judie Jud & Olivia Buob

Sunday School:

Today: Eileen Davis & Sandy Miller *Next Week:* Alysia Buob & Janice Vander Griend

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 3.1-4.6. 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.

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.

Karl Hedine's surgery went well. The tumor was smaller than expected, so less of his colon was removed. Pray for strength as he recovers, for a good pathology report, and that chemo-therapy is not needed.

Tom and Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister to the patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees who have flooded Mafraq; that God bless the work of their hands and the proclamation of their lips, bringing salvation and growth in Christ to many.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

January 26	Bruce Hamovitz
January 27	Eric Carpenter

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.

Explanation of 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.