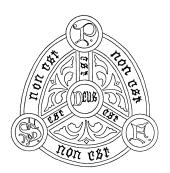
LORD'S DAY January 29, 2017



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

Great are you, O Lord, and highly to be praised; great is your power and your wisdom immeasurable. We desire to praise you, human beings carrying the witness of our sin and the knowledge that you resist the proud. Stir us, we pray, to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Amen.

-Adapted from Augustine's Confessions

*Call to Worship

Psalm 93.1-5

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song of Praise to God

Hymn No. 64

GOD, THE LORD, A KING REMAINETH

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?

He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things will never be shaken.

O LORD, have mercy on us!
We have lied and slandered,
we have harmed our neighbors and cast slurs on other men,
we have honored the vile,
we have sought comfort before integrity,
we have withheld riches from the needy and justice from the innocent.
We are not blameless and cannot dwell with you unless you have mercy on us.
LORD have mercy.

-Based on Psalm 15

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 1.30

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 302

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

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 Psalm 9.1-20

Sermon "The God of Justice"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 48 O LORD MOST HIGH, WITH ALL MY HEART

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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Confession of Faith

What is God?

God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty; knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

—The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 7

-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 of 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. 264

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction 2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Almighty God and Father, when our enemies seem many and on all sides, help us to trust in your promises, to know that your love and power are a shield about us, and that nothing can part us from the salvation you have given us in your Son Jesus. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller & Jackson Leinweber Next Week: Sam Schroeder

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Next Week: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Gatherings

The Home Fellowship Group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Psalms and all are invited.

Kids' Quest is a catechism class for children, ages 5 through elementary grades, taught by Pastor Ron. It meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Proverbs and all men are invited.

The Women's Group, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Romans and all women are invited. Please talk to Cherry for more information.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "The God of Justice" (Psalm 9.1-20)
1. David's Praise (vv. 1-12)

2. David's Prayer (vv. 13-20)

Prayer Concerns

Dick & Joyce Davis (Steve's parents): Pray that their health continues to improve and that God grants them a settledness about their relocation to Walla Walla.

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for Granberrys and the Sacred Road team, as they share the gospel in word and deed with the Yakama people; that many would trust and grow in Christ as their Savior, and that a vital, healthy church would result.

Vickie Myers has been in and out of the ER this week, unable to keep food and liquids down. She is waiting to see a gastroenterologist. Pray she can soon be seen, that the treatment is effective, and that she is kept in God's peace.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

February 1 Janice Vander Griend February 2 Kevin and Laura Chabre

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

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.