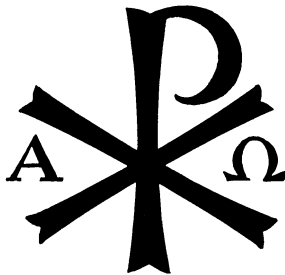


LORD'S DAY

October 16, 2016



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Dr. Ron Gonzales, Minister

Office: 5 W Alder St, Ste 237 Walla Walla, WA 99362

(509) 522-1020 E-mail: office@covenantwallawalla.org

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; Thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

—Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 107.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Songs of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 4

ALL PRAISE TO GOD, WHO REIGNS ABOVE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

*Song of Praise to Christ

Beautiful Savior (All My Days)

Stuart Townend, 1996 Thankyou Music
CCLI# 2415226

1. All my days I will sing this song of glad - ness, give my
2. I will trust in the cross of my Re - deem - er; I will
3. I long to be where the praise is nev - er end - ing; Yearn to

praise to the Foun - tain of de - lights; for in my help - less - ness You
sing of the blood that nev - er fails, of sins for - giv - en, of
dwell where the glo - ry nev - er fades, Where count - less wor - ship - ers will

heard my cry, and waves of mer - cy poured down on my life.
con - science cleansed, of death de - feat - ed and life with - out end.
share one song, and cries of "wor - thy" will hon - or the Lamb!

1. Beau - ti - ful Saviour, Won - der - ful Coun - sel - or clothed in maj - es - ty, Lord of
2., 3. his - to - ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morn - ing, glo - rious in

ho - li - ness, You're the Ris - en One, heav - en's Cham - pi - on, and you reign, You

reign o - ver all

Fine
(3.1)

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 2.6-12

Sermon

“A Christ Centered Life”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 565

ALL FOR JESUS!

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

Confession of Faith

What benefits are there in this life for those who are effectually called?

**Those who are effectually called partake in justification,
adoption, sanctification, and the other benefits that, in this life,
do either accompany them or flow from them.**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 32

-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 body, the 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. 254

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Erika & Katie Leinweber

Next Week: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Next Week: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Other Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group meets on first Tuesdays (at the Carpenter's) and third Tuesdays (at the Davis's) of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. The group is currently studying Colossians, 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 is taking this week off. It will resume Thursday, October 27.

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

The Women's Group meets Saturdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, at Hannah Alden's (601 SW 2nd St, College Place), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Romans and all are invited. For more information, talk to Cherry Gonzales.

Sermon Notes: “A Christ Centered Life” (Colossians 2.6-12)

1. Our Desire for Something More

2. The Christian Life as a Walk

Prayer Concerns

Mike Givens remains at Regency at the Park, recovering from shoulder surgery. Pray that his rehabilitation goes well and that he knows God's presence and strength during his convalescence.

Diane Hartman (Robert's daughter) is undergoing stem cell therapy for ALS. Pray that it proves helpful and that she and her family know God's presence and strength.

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise State): The Fall term has begun and Brian is busy meeting new students, sharing the gospel, and discipling believers. Pray that God uses him and the ministry of RUF to touch and bless man.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

October 16 Duane and Judie Jud
October 18 Seth Alden
October 18 Katie Leinweber
October 21 Simeon Schroeder
October 22 Howard Reller

Joint Officers Meeting: The elders and deacons will meet together this Thursday night to discuss and pray about the needs of the church. Please pray for them as they do.

The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Ministry time is here. Please be thinking about and purchasing small gifts to fill a shoebox for a boy or girl in a third-world country. Boxes along with information on content are available downstairs and must be turned in by November 20.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! Please join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, a time of 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.