

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

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; help us to praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 33.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Songs of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 24

Hymn No. 30

VAST THE IMMENSITY, MIRROR OF MAJESTY

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, our soul is like a house, small for you to enter,
but we pray that you will enlarge it.
It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it.
It contains much that you will not be pleased to see;
this we know and do not hide.
But to whom can we cry except you?
Forgive us, O Lord.
Cleanse us from our sins, our secret sins.
What wretches we are!
In your mercy, tell us what you are to us.
"Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation'" (Ps 35.3)!
Come, O God, and stir our hearts.
Call us back to yourself.
Kindle your fire in us and carry us away.
Be our fire and our sweetness.
Let us love you and hasten to your side;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

-Adapted from Augustine's Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7.18-19

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 696

I'VE FOUND THE PEARL OF GREATEST PRICE!

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1.21-23

Sermon

“God Will *and* We Must”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

A Debtor to Mercy Alone

words Augustus M Toplady, 1740-1778 mOD.
music Eileen Davis 2000



1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing; nor
2. The work which his - good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will com - plete; his
3. My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - rase; im -

fear with your righ - teous - ness on, my per - son and of - f'ring to bring. The
prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet. Things
pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. Yes,

ter - rors of law and of God with me can have noth - ing to do; my
fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or - a - bove, can
I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is giv'n; more

Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.
make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.
hap - py, but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

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

May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections,
and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with,
fall away from the state of grace?

**True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God,
and His decree and covenant to give them perseverance,
their inseparable union with Christ,
His continual intercession for them,
and the Spirit and seed of God remaining in them,
can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace,
but are kept by the power of God through faith to salvation.**

—Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 79

-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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 170

FAIREST LORD JESUS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day, may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts, that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Erika & Katie Leinweber

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Next Week: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Other Gatherings

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 resumes its study of Hebrews this Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited!

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: “God Will *and* We Must” (Colossians 1.21-23)

1. Divine Sovereignty in Salvation (vv. 21-22)

2. Human Responsibility in Salvation (v. 23)

Prayer Concerns

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

Tom & Melissa Manning (Jordan): Pray for the Mannings as they minister to patients at Annour Sanatorium and to the Syrian refugees in Mafraq, that God blesses their work and brings salvation and growth in Christ to many.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

October 2	Karly Hedine
October 2	Chad and Heidi Leinweber
October 4	Heidi Leinweber
October 4	Skip and Karen Sippert

Home Fellowship Group: The Carpenter, Davis, Gonzales home group begins this Tuesday night, and you are invited. For more information, talk to Eric or Pastor Ron.

The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Ministry is coming up soon. Please be thinking about and purchasing small gifts to fill a shoebox for a boy or girl in a third-world country.

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

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

In the Greek language of the early Christian era abbreviations were typically the first and last letters of words, often with a superscription to indicate the missing letters. IC is a standard abbreviation of IHCOYC, the Greek "Jesus," XC the abbreviation of XPICTOC, "Christ"; and NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."