

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

Father, most kind and generous:

We come to you as your children,

because we need you and want to be with you;

we come to you as our Lord and God,

because we are in awe of you and worship you;

we come to you in the name of Jesus,

because you have promised to be with us when we gather in his name.

All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Eternal Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-7, 10-12

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 55

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come to you as your sons and your servants,

grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ,

yet aware of our continuing need of your grace.

We confess that we have sinned against you;

we have broken your commandments;
we have fallen short of your glory.
We have not loved you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We were born in sin and have continued to sin.
We acknowledge our guilt and recognize
that we rightly fall under your curse and judgment.
Blot out our transgressions, wash away our iniquities,
forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Have mercy on us, O Lord; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2.13-14

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 327

ONE DAY HE'S COMING

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 51.9-52.12

Sermon

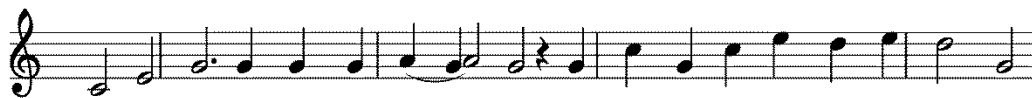
"Staying Awake"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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Philipp Nicolai, 1599

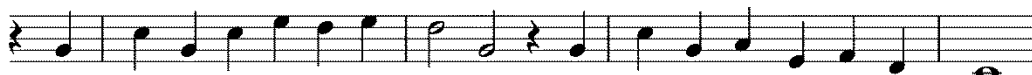
Philipp Nicolai, 1598
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858



Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, The watchmen on the heights are cry - ing,
Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her heart with joy is spring-ing;
Now let all the heav'n's a - dore Thee, and men and an - gels sing be - fore Thee,



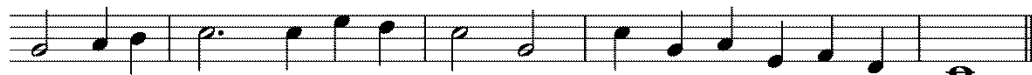
A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last! Midnight hears the wel - come voic - es
She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all glo - rious,
With harp and cymbal's clear - est tone; Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal,



And at the thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: Come forth, ye vir - gins, night is past!
The strong in grace, in truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
Where we are with the choir im - mor - tal of an - gels round Thy daz - zling throne;



The Bride - groom comes; a - wake, your lamps with glad - ness take; Al - le - lu - ia!
Ah come, Thou bless - ed One, God's own be - lov - ed Son, Al - le - lu - ia!
Nor eye hath seen, nor ear hath yet at - tained to hear what there is ours;



And for His mar - riage feast pre - pare, for ye must go to meet Him there.
We fol - low till the halls we see where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.
But we re - joice, and sing to Thee our hymn of joy e - ter - nal - ly.

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 benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

**At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory,
shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 38

-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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 468

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

O Lord, our never failing Help:

Keep us under your merciful protection,

and make us always to fear and love your holy Name;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Nicole Miller

Sunday School

Today: Peter & Jenni Early

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Sermon Notes: "Staying Awake" (Isaiah 51.9-52.12)

1. Awake, awake! God's comfort is invincible (51.9-16)
2. Wake yourself, wake yourself! God's wrath is past (51.17-23)
3. Awake, awake! God's salvation is spreading (52.1-10)
4. Depart, depart! The life of pilgrimage has begun (52.11-12)

Prayer Concerns

Shelley Kelly (Duane's daughter) is fighting a severe infection as a result of appendicitis. Pray the medication is effective, she heals completely, and knows God's peace during this lengthy recovery.

Mike Leinweber (Chad's dad) was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. Pray for God's sustaining grace as he and Betty and the family learn more about it.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev, that God strengthens their marriage and family, opens doors for the gospel, and blesses Alister's work at the seminary for the good of the Church in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

November 17

Kristi Alden

Alden-Warinner Wedding: Seth and Hannah would like to invite you to share in the joy of their special day. Their wedding will be here on Friday, November 27, at 6:30 PM.

Hanging the Greens: Next Saturday at 9:00 AM, the folks from Central will decorate the sanctuary for the Advent season. Please join us in giving them a hand.

Operation Christmas Child: Please join us in collecting treasures to be sent to children this Christmas. Boxes are due next Sunday. For more information, talk to Judie Jud.

Thanksgiving Service: Please join us Tuesday, November 24, at 6:00 PM, for a one-hour Thanksgiving Service for the whole family.

Weekly Gatherings

The Leinweber's Home Fellowship Group meets at their home on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Dinner is provided, children are welcome, and the group is a lot of fun!

The Men's Bible Study meets on Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM at Pastor Ron's office. They are studying Genesis and all men are invited.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."