

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

Father, your mercies have brought us
to the dawn of another Lord's Day.
Vain will be its gift unless we know you,
love you, and admire you more fully.
Allow us to do so, O Lord,
knowing that the ability to worship
is not in us, but in your enabling love.
Lead us and tend us by the hand
of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 16.23-29

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Songs of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean,
and we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed;
not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires
that we are unable to understand, but which are all known to you.
We, therefore, flee for refuge to your infinite mercy,
seeking and imploring your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1.8-9

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 310

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

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

Colossians 3.15-17

Sermon

“In Nomine Domini”

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.

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Confession of Faith

What is the chief end of man?

Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

— The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 1

-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. 116

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, +living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy Name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Abigail and Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Hannah Alden

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

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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 its study of Proverbs on Wednesday, November 30. For more information, talk to Pastor Ron. All men are invited.

Prayer Meeting: Since the Thanksgiving Service is this Tuesday and November is a five-Tuesday month, our prayer meeting has been moved to November 29, at 7:00 PM.

The Women's Group is taking this week off. It will resume its study of Romans on Saturday, December 3. For more information, talk to Cherry Gonzales. All women are invited.

Sermon Notes: *"In Nomine Domini"* (Colossians 3.15-17)

1. The Peace of Christ

2. The Word of Christ

3. The Name of Christ

Prayer Concerns

Diane Hartman (Robert's daughter) just underwent two weeks of stem cell therapy for ALS. Pray that it proves helpful and that she and her family are kept in God's peace.

The Perkins Family (friends of many): Twenty-two year old Shane Perkins unexpectedly died last weekend, following routine gall bladder surgery. Pray for his parents Lee and Shannon, for his brother Seth, that they are sustained by the love and goodness of God during this time.

Saphira Torrens is having foot surgery this Tuesday in Northern Ireland. Pray that it goes well, that she and Alistair are soon able to return to Kiev, and that Sarah and Thaddaeus know God's presence and strength while they are away.

Announcements

Anniversaries this Week:

November 26 Ron and Cherry Gonzales

Christmas Caroling & Hayride: Please join us the evening of December 18 for a caroling party in a horse-drawn wagon. More details to come.

The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes are due today. Please leave them on the table downstairs in the Coffee Hour room, or if you have forgotten them talk to Judie Jud about pick-up.

Thanksgiving Service: Please join us this Tuesday, at 6:00 PM, for a one-hour service of thanksgiving for the whole family.

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.