

**LORD'S DAY**  
**November 5, 2017**



**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 Email: [office@covenantwallawalla.org](mailto:office@covenantwallawalla.org)

*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
to 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, we gather in this place not because we are deserving of your love, nor because we have lived faithfully before your face. We gather here because you called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son for our salvation. For this we join all creation in blessing you, praising you, and thanking you. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! You are great, and greatly to be praised. As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 29.1-2

### **Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 103*

*HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would have them do to us. Most gracious Father, who has given your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we pray; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Titus 3.4-7

### **\*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**

Galatians 6.11-18

**Sermon**

“Something to Boast About”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 252*

*WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS*

**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**

—The Nicene Creed

Page 846, Trinity Hymnal

## **-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-**

### **The Lord's Supper**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward 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. 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. 642*

*BE THOU MY VISION*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Father in heaven, whose only Son followed the way of faith and duty even to the crown of thorns and the cross: Give us your grace that we may learn the harder lessons of our faith. Help us, by your Spirit, to take up our cross and follow our Savior. Enable us to enter into the fellowship of his sufferings, and to come at last to dwell with him in his eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able.

---

### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Sunday School

*Today:* Peter Early and Anna Oliver

*Next Week:* Peter Early and Anna Oliver

Worship

*Today:* Katie and Jack Leinweber

*Next Week:* Abigail and Annie Carpenter

### **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 Leinweber Home Fellowship Group*, led by Chad, meets at the Leinwebers' (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. All (including children) are invited.

*The Martin Home Fellowship Group*, led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. They are studying the Psalms and all are welcome.

*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 Ecclesiastes and all are invited.

*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: "Something to Boast About" (Galatians 6.11-18)**

1. Why do we boast?
2. In what should we boast, and why?
3. What comes to those who boast in the cross?

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Andrew & Amy Allen* have returned to Tacoma. Pray for Andrew's ongoing battle with cancer, as well as for the saints in Soldotna, as they seek the Lord for their future.

*Christ Central Presbyterian Church*: Pray for Rev. Greg Joines, our church-planter in Corvallis; that God strengthens him and blesses the ministry of the Word as he gives himself to the city and to the church he is planting.

*Vickie Myers* is recovering from surgery. Pray that she knows God's presence and strength as she convalesces.

*Bret Reller* has been redeployed to the Middle East and will be there for six months. Pray for safety for him and his team, and for the success of their mission.

*Alister & Sarah Torrens* (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev; that God protects their marriage and family, opens doors for the gospel, and uses Alister's teaching ministry at the seminary to strengthen the church in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

## **Announcements**

*Christian Aid Dinner*: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center on November 13. Help is needed in preparing and serving the meal. If you would like to assist with one or the other, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

*Christmas Shoebox Ministry*: The final date to turn in shoeboxes is November 19. Information regarding their content is available downstairs along with the "Go Boxes." Pick yours up today.

*Thanksgiving Service*: Please join us Tuesday, November 21, at 6:00 PM, for a one-hour Thanksgiving Service for the whole family.

*30 Days of Prayer*: Please join us during the month of November in praying for PCA missionaries around the world. Prayer calendars are available on the literature table.

*Visitors*: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### **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 NIKA means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."