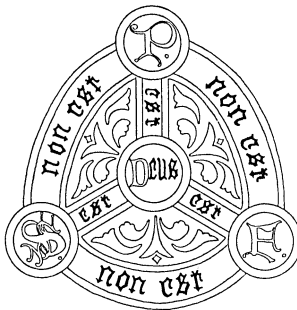


The First Sunday in Lent

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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 in heaven, we pray that you will in mercy look down upon us,
your family, for whom the Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed,
given up into the hands of wicked men, and suffer death on the cross.
Grant us the desires of our hearts this Lord's Day morning:
to see you in your majesty and glory,
to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love,
and to hear your voice speaking in your Word.
Help us, by your Spirit,
to make a genuine and heartfelt offering of our praise,
our love, and ourselves to you.
Receive pleasure, this day, from your grateful people;
for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 93.1, 4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 100

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, what evil have we not done?
Or if there is evil that we have not done,
what evil is there that we have not spoken?
Or if there is any evil that we have not spoken,
what evil is there that we have not thought to do?
But you, O Lord, are good.
You are merciful.
You saw how deep we were sunk in death,
and it was your power that drained dry
the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts.
All that you have asked of us
was to deny our own wills and accept yours.
Forgive us for every failure to do so,
and help us to follow you in every way and always;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2.1-2

*Song of Praise to Christ

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

words Horatius Bonar, 1866; alt.
music Martin F. Shaw, 1935; arr. Eileen Davis 2010

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
2. Sound-eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name; ring - eth the
3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy; ev - er de -
4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb; take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more give ye to him who our bat - tle hath
earth with his glo - ry and fame; o - cean and moun-tain, stream, for - est and
scend-eth the love from on high; bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb that was

won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
praise, this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
slain, dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 7.1-8.8

Sermon

“When Fears Come”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 689

BE STILL, MY SOUL

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 is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own,

but belong –

body and soul,

in life and in death –

to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven:

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

– The Heidelberg 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 church. By eating the bread and drinking 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. 691

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that we might be strengthened
with power through the Spirit in our inner being,
that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith –
that, being rooted and grounded in love,
we may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

—based on Ephesians 3.16-19

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Erika Leinweber & Maggie Buob

Next Week: Katie Leinweber & Annie Carpenter

Sunday School:

Today: Sam Schroeder & Eileen Davis

No Sunday School In March

Financial Update

January General Fund

Congregational Giving	\$4,875
Outside Giving	<u>595</u>
Total Income	\$5,470

Budgeted Expenses	\$8,283
Actual Expenses	\$7,998

Year-to-Date¹ General Fund

Congregational Giving	\$67,958
Outside Giving	<u>6,310</u>
Total Income	\$74,268

Budgeted Expenses	\$74,547
Actual Expenses	\$74,811

¹ Our fiscal year runs May 1 through April 30.

Prayer Concerns

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister among the Yakama people, that the Spirit of God uses their love and his Word to touch and change many hearts.

Karl Hedine: Pray for direction as he and Renee seek God regarding the diagnosis he recently received, for peace and faith as they move forward, and of course for healing.

Bret Reller is currently serving in Afghanistan. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

February 23 Holly Braendlein

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments, fellowship and, if your schedule permits, our Sunday School hour.

Weekly Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group meets on all but first Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, at Jack and Pat Lilly's (1607 Evergreen St), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This week the group will be studying Isaiah 8.9-9.1. All are invited!

Men's Group is studying Genesis on Thursdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

Women's Group is studying 1 Peter on Fridays, at 1:00 PM, at the church. If you would like to learn more, please contact Cherry Gonzales. All women are invited.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.