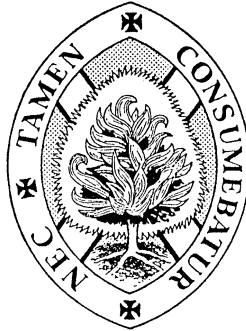


The Fourth Sunday in Lent
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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for
the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make
sure all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come to me.
Speak but the word; one gracious word can set the sinner free.
I am not worthy; cold and bare the lodging of my soul.
How canst Thou deign to enter there?
Speak, Lord and make me whole.
I am not worthy; yet, my God, how can I say Thee nay –
Thee, Who didst give Thy flesh and blood my ransom price to pay?
O come; in this sweet morning hour feed me with food Divine;
And fill with all Thy love and power this empty heart of mine. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.8-13

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 40

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

-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

Ephesians 1.7-8

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 172

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Celebration of Covenant Baptism

Hannah, Henry and Simeon Schroeder

Explanation and Exhortation

Acts 2.39; Genesis 17.7; Acts 16.31

Covenant Vows

1. Do you acknowledge Hannah's, Henry's, and Simeon's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate them to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
4. To the congregation: Do you undertake the responsibility of assisting Jacob and Samantha in the Christian nurture of these children?

Baptism and Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 10.16-11.16

Sermon

“A Right View of God”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 702

PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

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.

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Confession of Faith

What do you believe about the Christ the Mediator?

**It pleased God, in His eternal purpose,
to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son,
to be the Mediator between God and man;
the Prophet, Priest, and King;
the Head and Savior of His Church;
the Heir of all things;
and Judge of the world:
to whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed,
and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

—The Westminster Confession of Faith, 8.1

-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. 498

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, each day,
to hunger for you more than anything else;
and in so doing to discover
the life for which we were created. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Renee Hedine & Jack Leinweber

Next Week: Nicole Miller & Emily Leinweber

Weekly Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group is taking this week off. It will resume Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM, at Jack and Pat Lilly's (1607 Evergreen St), for fellowship, prayer, and to study Isaiah 12.1-6.

Men's Group is taking this week off. It will resume its study of Genesis on Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office.

Financial Update

February General Fund

Congregational Giving	\$10,715
Outside Giving	<u>1,230</u>
Total Income	\$11,945

Budgeted Expenses	\$ 8,283
Actual Expenses	\$ 8,142

Year-to-Date¹ General Fund

Congregational Giving	\$78,624
Outside Giving	<u>7,690</u>
Total Income	\$86,314

Budgeted Expenses	\$82,830
Actual Expenses	\$82,953

¹ Our fiscal year runs May 1 through April 30.

Prayer Concerns

Karl Hedine began chemotherapy. Pray for minimal side-effects, that the treatments prove effective in arresting any cancer cells that may still exist, and that he knows God's strength and presence.

Del Klicker fell and broke his hip. He is at home, but hoping to move to Regency for rehab. Pray that he gains admission, that the pain can be managed as he waits to see the orthopedist, and that he is kept in God's peace.

Elder Chad Leinweber will be preaching next Sunday in Pastor Ron's absence. Pray for his preparations, for his ministry of the Word, and for the congregation's worship.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Jordan) wrote this week, giving thanks for the salvation of Amal, a twenty-nine year old woman who fled Sudan after being severely beaten. The Lord led her to Annour, where both her physical and spiritual needs were cared for. Praise God for saving her, and pray that he continues to use the Mannings in the lives of many who are living in darkness.

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:

March 19

Anna Vander Griend

Good Friday Service: Please join us April 3, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, as we reflect on the passion and death of Christ in preparation for our celebration of Easter.

Pastor Ron will be on vacation this week. Should you have a need, please feel free to call one of the elders. They would be happy to help.

Sunday School is on break until April 12, but the Coffee Hour continues unabated. Please join us for this time of fellowship each Lord's Day.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us downstairs, following the service, for some refreshments and a time of fellowship

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."