

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

Glorious Lord,

it is the passion of our lives to worship you,
the crown and glory of our souls to adore you.

Enable us by your Spirit to do so now,
that we may forget the world and be brought into the fullness of life
as we gaze upon your beauty and holiness.
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-7, 10-12

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 23

GOD OF GODS, WE SOUND HIS PRAISES

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, no day of our lives has passed
that has not proved us guilty in your sight.
Prayers have been uttered from prayerless hearts.
Praise has often been praiseless sound.
Our best services are filthy rags.
All things in us call for our rejection,
yet all things in Christ plead our acceptance.
Grant us to hear your voice assuring us
that by your stripes we are healed;
that you were bruised for our iniquities,
that you became sin for us
that we might become righteous in you.
Grant that by resting in your righteousness
we may hereafter walk in newness of life
and run hard after your commandments;
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. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2.14-18

Sermon

“Children of Light”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 642

BE THOU MY VISION

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 the place of good works in the life of the believer?

**Good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments,
are the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith:
and by them believers show their thankfulness,
strengthen their assurance,
teach their brothers,
give credibility to their profession of the gospel,
stop the criticism from the adversaries,
and glorify God, whose workmanship they are,
created in Christ Jesus for such purpose,
that, having their fruit of holiness
they many have the end, eternal life.**

—The Westminster Confession of Faith, 16.2

—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 body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging 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

How Great Is Your Love

words and music by Mark Altrogge
1990 Integrity's Praise! CCLI# 2415226

1. No eye has seen and no ear has heard, and no mind has
2. Ob-jects of mer-cy, who should have known wrath, we're filled with un-

ev - er con - ceived the glo - ri - ous things that You have pre-
speak-a - ble joy, rich-es of wis - dom un - search - a - ble

pared for ev - 'ry - one who has be - lieved; You brought us
wealth, and the won - der of know - ing Your voice; You are our

near and You called us Your own, and made us joint heirs with Your
treas - ure and our great re - ward, our hope and our glo - ri - ous

Son. How high and how wide, how deep and how long, how
King.

sweet and how strong is Your love; How lav - ish Your grace, how

faith - ful Your ways, how great is Your love, O Lord?

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,
and put on the armor of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal,
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Erika Leinweber & Abi Carpenter

Sunday School

Today: Peter & Jenni Early

Next Week: Peter & Jenni Early

Other 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 (during the school year), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Men's Group meets Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are currently studying Hebrews, and all men are invited.

The Women's Group, led by Cherry Gonzales, is studying Ecclesiastes, a combination of wisdom and folly "under the sun." The group meets Saturdays, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, at Pastor Ron's office, and all are invited. For more information, talk to Cherry.

Sermon Notes: "Children of Light" (Philippians 2.14-18)

1. Unlike the World

2. Living for the Day of Christ

Prayer Concerns

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise State): There is just one month left in the school year. Pray for Brian as he continues to disciple the students God has brought to RUF, and for their continued outreach to the students at BSU. May God use this ministry to bring many to himself and to glorify his name.

Mike Givens is at the Odd Fellows, recovering from successful shoulder surgery. Pray that the pain continues to subside, that his rehab goes well, and that he is soon able to return home.

Robert Haer is back at the Odd Fellows, recovering from a mild case of pneumonia. Pray that she continues to improve and is soon able to return home.

Bret Reller is on a six-month deployment to Afghanistan. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

Announcements

Financial Update: The March financial statement has been posted to the church website, on the Member Portal page. If you need the password to access it, please let Jacob Schroeder know. He would be happy to give it to you.

Ordination/Instillation: Our new officers, elder-elect Jacob Schroeder and deacons-elect Duane Jud and Howard Reller, will be ordained and installed during our worship service on May 1. Please plan to be here for this important day in their lives and ours.

Schroeder Baptism: Rebekah Joy Schroeder will be baptized on April 24. Please be here to witness this momentous occasion and to support Jacob and Samantha in it.

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.

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."