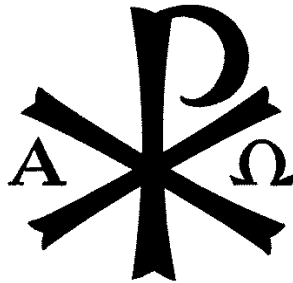


LORD'S DAY

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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

O GOD, the protector of all who trust in thee,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy;
Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy;
that, thou being our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we finally lose not the things eternal.
Grant this, O heavenly Father,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— From *The Book of Common Prayer*

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148.1-4, 11-13

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 112

PRAISE YE, PRAISE YE THE LORD

-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

1 Peter 1.18-19

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 243

PRAISE THE SAVIOR NOW AND EVER

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 14.24-16.14

Sermon

“Patience, Judgment, and Steadfast Love”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

words Frederick W. Faber, 1854; alt.
music Edmund S. Carter 1874

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five measures with lyrics: '1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea; 2. For the love of God is broad-er than is seen by hu-man mind; 3. Souls of men! why will you scat-ter like a crowd of fright-ened sheep? 4. Come to God! Whose love is might-y, ev-en might-ier than it seems; 5. Could you find a kind-er shep-herd, half so gen-tle, half so sweet,'. The second system has five measures with lyrics: 'There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty. And the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind. Fool-ish hearts! why will you wan-der from a love so true and deep? Our Dear Fa-ther in His fond-ness loves so far be-yond our dreams. As the Sav-ior who would have us come and gath-er at His feet?'. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: G, C, Am, D, G, D, Cmaj7, Am, B in the first system; and E, A7, D7, G, C, D, G, C, G, D7, G in the second system.

G C Am D G D Cmaj7 Am B

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E A7 D7 G C D G C G D7 G

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Our Dear Fa-ther in His fond-ness loves so far be-yond our dreams.
As the Sav-ior who would have us come and gath-er at His feet?

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 do you believe about God?

**There is but one only, living, and true God,
who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit,
invisible, without body, parts, or human frailty;
unchangeable, immense, eternal,
incomprehensible, almighty, most wise,
most holy, most free, most absolute;
working all things according to the counsel of His own
unchangeable and most righteous will, for His own glory;
most loving, gracious, merciful, patient,
abundant in goodness and truth,
forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin;
the one who rewards those who diligently seek Him;
and along with this, most just, and terrifying in His judgments,
hating all sin, and who will by no means acquit the guilty.**

— The Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.1

-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. 254

ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive.
Grant us the grace to renounce all evil
and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller & Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Emily Leinweber & Maggie Buob

Sunday School

Today: Peter & Jenni Early

Next Week: Janice Vander Griend & Alicia Buob

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 17.1-19.25. All are invited.

Men's Group is studying Genesis on Thursdays, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are welcome.

Prayer Concerns

John Dooley (Pastor Ron's cousin's husband) is fighting stage four cancer. Pray that the chemotherapy is effective in arresting the disease and that God uses the battle to draw John and Debbie to himself.

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise State): Pray for their leadership of RUF, for Brian's ministry of teaching and discipleship, and that through them and their students the gospel will sound forth and the kingdom advance on the Boise State campus.

Karl Hedine: Pray that the chemotherapy is successful in destroying any remaining cancer cells, that Karl's body is able to handle the treatments, and that he and Renee are strengthened in grace as they look to the Lord.

Del Klicker continues to recover from his recent fall. Pray that his hip heals properly and that he navigates life on crutches safely during his convalescence.

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and invite you to 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.