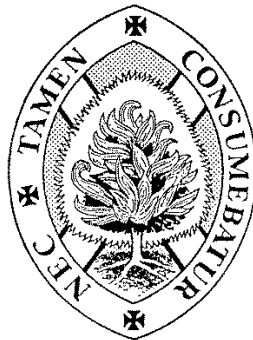


LORD'S DAY

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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

Great are you, O Lord, and highly to be praised;
great is your power and your wisdom immeasurable.

We desire to praise you, human beings carrying the witness of our sin
and the knowledge that you resist the proud.

Stir us, we pray, to take pleasure in praising you,
because you have made us for yourself
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's Confessions

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 100

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean,
and we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed;
not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires
that we are unable to understand, but which are all known to you.
We, therefore, flee for refuge to your infinite mercy,
seeking and imploring your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.14a, 25

***Song of Faith in Christ**

Hymn No. 305

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2.12-13

Sermon

“Working and Fearing”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

I Want a Principle Within

words Charles Wesley, 1749
music attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four measures, and the second system has four measures. The melody is in the right hand, and the accompaniment is in the left hand. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. I want a prin - ci - ple with - in of jeal - ous God - ly
2. I want the first ap - proach to feel of pride, or fond de -
• 3. That I from Thee no more may part, no more Thy good - ness -
4. Quick as the ap - ple of an eye, O God, my con - science
• 5. If to the right or left I stray, that mo - ment, Lord re -
6. Oh may the least o - mis - sion pain my well - in - struct - ed

fear; A sen - si - bil - i - ty of sin, a pain to feel it near.
sire; To catch the wan-d'ring of my will, and quench the kind - ling fire.
• grieve, The fil - ial awe, the flesh - ly heart, the ten - der con - science, give.
make! A wake my soul, when sin is nigh, and keep it still a - wake.
• prove; And let me weep my life a - way, for hav - ing grieved Thy love.
soul; And drive me to the blood a - gain, which makes the wound - ed whole!

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 concerning the Christian's ability to do good works?

**Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves,
but wholly from the Spirit of Christ.
And that they may be enabled to do so,
besides the graces they have already received,
there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit
to work in them to will, and to do, of His good pleasure:
yet they are not in this to grow negligent, as if they were not bound
to perform any duty unless on a special motion of the Spirit;
but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.**

—The Westminster Confession of Faith, 16.3

—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**

Hymn No. 523

MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
to think and do what is right;
so that we, who cannot do anything good without you,
may be enabled to live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller

Next Week: TBA

Sunday School

Today: Eileen Davis & Karen Carpenter

Next Week: TBA

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

Sermon Notes: “Working and Fearing” (Philippians 2.12-13)

1. The Believer’s Work

2. The Believer’s Fear

Prayer Concerns

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.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev, that God strengthens their marriage and family, opens doors for the gospel, and uses Alister's ministry at the seminary to build his kingdom in Ukraine and eastern Europe.

Announcements

Directory Update: We will soon be publishing an updated church directory, a draft of which is available for your perusal during the Coffee Hour today. Please note any additions and/or corrections in it that you would like us to make.

Sunday School resumes today, with classes for all ages. Please join us!

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

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."