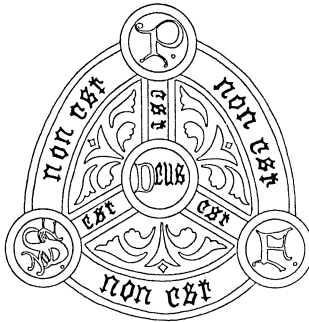


LORD'S DAY

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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

Father, your mercies have brought us to the dawn of another Lord's Day. Vain will be its gift unless we know you, love you, and admire you more fully. Allow us to do so, O Lord, knowing that the ability to worship is not in us, but in your enabling love. Lead us and tend us by the hand of the Good Shepherd himself. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98.1-6

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 16

COME, LET US SING UNTO THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. This we ask, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

*Song of Praise to Christ

Beautiful Savior (All My Days)

Stuart Townend, 1996 Thankyou Music
CCL# 2415226

1. All my days I will sing this song of glad-ness, give my
 2. I will trust in the cross of my Re-deem-er; I will
 3. I long to be where the praise is nev-er end-ing; Yearn to
 praise to the Foun-tain of de-lights; for in my help-less-ness You
 sing of the blood that nev-er fails, of sins for-giv-en, of
 dwell where the glo-ry nev-er fades, Where count-less wor-ship-ers will
 heard my cry, and waves of mer-cy poured down on my life.
 con-science cleansed, of death de-feat-ed and life with-out end.
 share one song, and cries of "wor-thy" will hon-or the Lamb!

1. 2., 3.
 Beau-ti-ful Sav-iour, Won-der-ful Coun-sel-or clothed in maj-es-ty, Lord of
 his-to-ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morn-ing, glo-rious in
 ho-li-ness, You're the Ris-en One, heav-en's Cham-pi-on, and you reign, You
 reign o-ver all

Fine
 (3.1)

Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 1.11-24

Sermon

"The Difference the Gospel Makes"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 469

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**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 effectual calling?

Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, by which, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.

—The Westminster Shorter Catechism, No. 31

-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 Church. By eating the bread and drinking of 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 prayer 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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 55

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13-14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that this week we might love you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Sunday School

Today: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Next Week: Collie Parsons & Kathy Martin

Worship

Today: Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Next Week: Hannah Alden

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 (September through May), from 3:30 to 4:45 PM, at the church.

The Leinweber Home Fellowship Group, led by Chad, meets at the Leinweber's (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. They are considering the Bible's teaching on parenting and all (including children) are welcome.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. They are studying Galatians and all are welcome.

The Men's Group is taking the next two weeks off. It resumes Wednesday, June 7, with a new study: Ecclesiastes. For more information see Pastor Ron. All men are invited.

The Women's Group, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St). They are studying Romans and all are invited. For more information, give Cherry a call (522-4272.)

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "The Difference the Gospel Makes" (Galatians 1.11-24)

1. The Origin of Paul's Gospel
2. The Origin of Paul's Life
3. The Origin of Our Spiritual Lives

Prayer Concerns

Andrew Allen (our church planter in Soldotna, AK) is battling cancer. Pray the treatment he is receiving is effective, and that he and Amy know God's peace during this time.

Barb Braendlein continues to struggle with chronic pain as she waits to hear if the Pain Management Center at Stanford will see her. Pray they will, that relief might be found, and that God sustains her with his grace.

Riley Granberry (Chris's nephew) continues his battle with brain cancer. Pray for peace and strength as he undergoes treatment, as well as for healing.

Jake Leining is home from the hospital but is still recovering. Pray that his progress continues and give thanks that he is better.

Lorraine Long continues her battle with cancer. Pray that God keeps her and Ray in his peace, and grants her strength and healing as she undergoes treatment.

Vickie Myers sees the surgeon in Portland at the end of this month. Pray for strength as she waits, and that she is kept in God's peace.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they minister in Kiev; that God protects their marriage and family, opens doors for the gospel, and uses Alister's teaching ministry at the seminary to strengthen the church in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

May 22	Eileen Davis
May 25	Chad Leinweber

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and fellowship.

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.