

# PENTECOST

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

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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**

Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world's foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit every humble mind; come pour Thy joys on humankind.  
O Source of uncreated light, the Father's promised Paraclete,  
Thrice holy fount, thrice holy fire, our hearts with heavenly love inspire.  
From sin and sorrow set us free, and make Thy temples worthy of Thee;  
Give us Thyself, that we may see the Father and the Son by Thee. Amen.

—Rhabanus Maurus, AD 776-856

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 113.1-3

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 54*

*HALLELUJAH! RAISE, O RAISE*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
both by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
Too often we have failed to welcome into our hearts  
your quickening Spirit of love and power.  
Too often we have spurned the promptings of your Holy Spirit  
and ignored your presence by the Spirit.  
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.  
Wash away our sins, O God;  
send rain on our dry ground;  
inflame our cold hearts and direct our wandering feet into your ways;  
all for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Ephesians 1.13-14

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 296*

*ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!*

### **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**

Isaiah 25.1-27.13

**Sermon**

“The City with Foundations”

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.*

words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

**Confession of Faith**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,**

**but belong –**

**body and soul,**

**in life and in death –**

**to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,**

**and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way**

**that not a hair can fall from my head**

**without the will of my Father in heaven:**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,**

**Christ, by his Holy Spirit,**

**assures me of eternal life**

**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready**

**from now on to live for him.**

—The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 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 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.

### \*Song of Thanksgiving

#### Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

words, Johann Franck, 1649  
music, George Coles, 1835



1.Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,  
2.Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
3.Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der  
4.Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,  
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;  
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;  
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Almighty God,

you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins.

You sent your Holy Spirit to empower the disciples  
on the day of Pentecost.

Send us out as witnesses, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
to proclaim the gospel to all nations,

carrying out the great commission

in obedience to the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

Worship

*Today:* Anna Vander Griend & Erika Leinweber    *Next Week:* Abigail & Annie Carpenter

Sunday School

*Today:* Eileen Davis & Samantha Schroeder    *Next Week:* Peter Early

**Sermon Notes:**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*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.

*Alister & Sarah Torrens* (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they continue their work in Kiev; that God strengthens their marriage and family, blesses their efforts to befriend and evangelize those around them, and uses Alister's teaching ministry to grow the church in Ukraine and throughout eastern Europe.

## **Announcements**

*Birthdays this Week:*

May 25	Chad Leinweber
May 28	Karl Hedine
May 29	Madeline Klicker

*byFaith:* Copies of the latest issue of *byFaith* magazine have arrived. You will find them on the literature table. Please pick one up.

*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.

## **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 28.1-29.24. All are invited.

*Men's Group* resumes its study of Genesis this Thursday, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

### **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 NIKΑ means "He conquers." The symbol then reads, "Jesus Christ Conquers by the Cross" or "Jesus Christ, Victor."