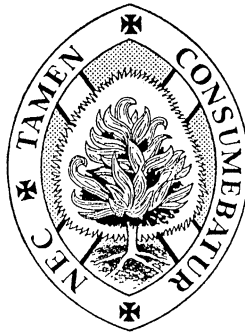


# LORD'S DAY

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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, who makes Thyself known in the stillness:  
Make me to know Thy presence in this sacred place;  
make me to be of the company of brave saints  
who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth.  
Through the voices of men and the instruments of praise  
lift my heart to Thee and so purify my life that,  
going forth, I may go in Thy strength and love;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Psalm 103.1-5

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

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

*Hymn No. 53*

*PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY*

## **-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**

2 Corinthians 5.21

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

*Hymn No. 185*

*MAJESTIC SWEETNESS SITS ENTHRONED*

### **Prayer for the Church and the World**

## **-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-**

**Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 1.1-6

**Sermon**

“The Rewarded Life”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

**\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 564*

*BLESSED IS THE MAN*

**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.*

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**Confession of Faith**

But why are you called a Christian?

**Because by faith I am a member of Christ  
and so I share in his anointing.**

**I am anointed**

**to confess his name,**

**to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,**

**to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil  
in this life,**

**and afterward to reign with Christ**

**over all creation**

**for all eternity.**

—Heidelberg Catechism, No. 32

## **-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 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. 246*

*MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME*

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

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

### **Postlude and Silent Prayer**

Grant, O Lord, that the words we have heard this day,  
may, through your grace, be so grafted into our hearts,  
that they bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love,  
to the honor and praise of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Please stand if able

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### **Our Nursery Helpers**

#### **Worship**

*Today:* Katie & Jackson Leinweber

*Next Week:* Anna Vander Griend & Nicole Miller

### **Other Gatherings**

*Kids' Quest*, the children's catechism class taught by Pastor Ron, is on break for the summer. It will resume in September.

*The Men's Group*, meets Thursdays, 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: "The Rewarded Life" (Psalm 1.1-6)

1. The cause of the rewarded life (vv. 1-2)
2. The rewarded and non-rewarded lives pictured (vv. 3-4)
3. The rewards plainly stated (vv. 5-6)

## Prayer Concerns

*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* (and the children) are in Waitsburg for a couple weeks, visiting family and enjoying a much needed break from their ministry in Kiev. Pray for rest and refreshment, for time with family, safety as they travel, and continued blessing on their work in Ukraine.

## Announcements

*Birthdays this Week:*

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| June 14 | Andrew Early    |
| June 16 | Adalie Miller   |
| June 18 | Annie Carpenter |

*Tom & Melissa Manning* will be here July 3. Tom will be preaching and we will gather for a picnic at Pioneer Park, after the Coffee Hour, to hear what the Lord has been doing in Jordan.

*Membership Class:* A four-week class for those thinking of becoming members or who are interested in learning more about Covenant, began last Sunday. It continues today, following the Coffee Hour. All are welcome!

*Shawn & Jamie Riley* (and the children) will be home June 18-30. They will join us for a picnic at Pioneer Park, next Sunday, from 11:30 to 1:30; and Shawn will be preaching at our worship service on June 26.

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! Please join us downstairs, following the service, for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### 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."