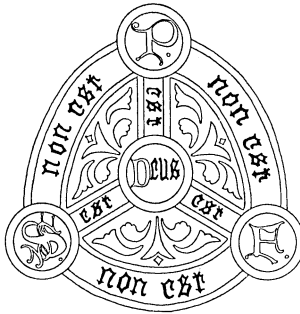


LORD'S DAY

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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.*

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things: As we gather in your presence, graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and by your great mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 18.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 92

A MIGHT FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Confession of Sin

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2.13-14

*Song of Faith in Christ

In Christ Alone

words and music Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
Babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me; from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save. 'Til on the cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort -
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'til he re -



er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Prayer for the Church and the World

Sermon

“Entrusting Ourselves to God”

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

My Dear Redeemer and My Lord

words Isaac Watts, 1709
Alt. 1990, mod.
music John Hatton, 1793

1. My dear Re - deem - er and my Lord, I read my
2. Such was your truth, and such your zeal, such def - 'rence
3. Cold moun-tains and the mid - night air wit - nessed the
4. Be now my pat - tern; make me bear more of your

du - ty in your Word; but in your life the
to your Fa - ther's will, such love, and meek - ness
fer - vor of your prayer; the des - ert your temp -
gra - cious i - mage here: then God the Judge shall

law ap - pears drawn out in liv - ing char - ac - ters.
so di - vine, I would tran - scribe and make them mine.
ta - tions knew, your con - flict and your vic - t'ry too.
own my name a - mongst the fol - l'wers of the Lamb.

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

How does the article concerning “life everlasting” comfort you?

**Even as I already now experience in my heart the beginning of eternal joy,
so after this life I will have perfect blessedness such as no eye has seen,
no ear has heard, no human heart has ever imagined: a blessedness in which to
praise God eternally.**

— The Heidelberg Catechism, No. 58

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 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 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. 44

HOW GREAT THOU ART

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Reflection

Come to the waters, whoever is thirsty;
Drink from the Fountain that never runs dry.
Jesus, the Living One, offers you mercy,
Life more abundant in boundless supply.

—based on Revelation 22.17

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Erika Leinweber & Hannah Alden *Next Week:* Abigail Carpenter & Jackson Leinweber

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

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 studying Hebrews and all men are invited.

Sermon Notes: "Entrusting Ourselves to God" (Psalm 7.1-17)

1. A Cry for Deliverance (vv. 1-2)

2. A Claim of Innocence (vv. 3-5)

3. A Call for Judgment (vv. 6-16)

4. An Offering of Worship (v. 17)

Prayer Concerns

Riley Granberry (Chris and Mary's 12 year-old nephew) is battling brain cancer. Pray for his healing, as well as for God's comfort as he and his mother and brothers grieve the recent loss of their father and husband (Chris's brother) to cancer.

Del Klicker had a portion of his small intestine removed this week. The area appeared to be benign, but he is still awaiting the pathology report. Pray this proves to be true and that Del makes a full and speedy recovery.

Jeff & Cherie Leber (Kirk and Kristi's friends) are grieving the loss of two sons. Pray that God draws them to himself and that they are held in his comfort and grace.

Women's Bible Study Fellowship is about to begin a new year. Pray for Collie Parsons as she directs the ministry and serves as the teaching leader, as well as for all the small group- and children's-leaders, that God uses them to introduce many to the Lord and to strengthen all in his Word.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

September 4	Emily Leinweber
September 5	Steve Davis

Christian Aid Dinner: We are serving dinner at the Christian Aid Center on Monday, September 12. If you would like to help, either preparing or serving the meal, please let Heidi Leinweber know.

Kid's Quest resumes this Thursday! If you would like to help Pastor Ron with this bi-monthly children's catechism class, please let him know. We are always in need of adult and youth helpers.

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

Women's Bible Study: A Saturday morning study is starting in a couple weeks! To learn more, talk to Cherry Gonzales (522-4272).

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.