

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

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own.

Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.

May our prayers be joined

with those of our brothers and sisters in the faith,

that together we may glorify your name

and enjoy your fellowship forever.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Hebrews 10:19-22

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 100

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,
and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done.
O Lord, have mercy on us;
spare those who confess their faults;
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

—From *The Book of Common Prayer*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-14

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 295

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:17-24; Romans 12:2

Sermon

“New Year’s Resolutions or New Year’s Renewal?”
Elder Chad Leinweber

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 585

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

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.

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Confession of Faith

What is the Chief end of man?

Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

—Westminster Shorter Catechism #1

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 457

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Psalm 67:1-2

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Lord, we plead with you to give us grace
to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil;
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller & Emily Leinweber

Weekly Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, is on break for the holidays. It will resume January 14 and meets on all but first Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM, at Jack and Pat Lilly's (1607 Evergreen St), for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. All are invited.

Men's Group is on break for the holidays. It will resume January 8 and meets Thursdays at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

Women's Group will resume its study of 1 Peter on January 9. If you would like to join the group, it meets on Fridays, at the church, at 1:00 PM. Contact Cherry Gonzales for more information.

Prayer Concerns

Braendlein family: Pray for health and other needs during this flu and cold season.

Families as they are traveling home from Christmas holidays

Luke Hedine & Nick Quarto, both serving our country in the military. They need our continued prayer support during this Christmas season, as they are away from their families and home.

Dory Milistefr is at home recovering from pneumonia. She continues to improve, but very slowly. Pray her full strength returns, and that she knows God's presence during this time.

Dale Miller (Sandy's brother) is undergoing chemo- and radiation therapy. Pray that the treatment accomplishes its purpose and that God sustains and strengthens Dale, physically and spiritually.

Sandy Miller is looking for work. Pray for God's strength, leading, and provision.

Pastor Ron & Cherry are on vacation until December 31. Please pray for a time of rest and relaxation. If you have a need, please feel free to call one of the elders, who will be happy to help in any way.

Bret Reller is on a three-month assignment in Afghanistan before he deploys to Iraq and Syria. Pray for his safety and the safety of those serving with him, as well as for the success of their mission.

The many people who attend church on Christmas: pray that God will soften hearts and spread the gospel light among them.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

December 29 Nathan Head

Anniversaries this Week

December 28 Eric and Karen Carpenter

December 28 Steve and Eileen Davis

New Church Directories: Updated family directories are available downstairs during coffee hour.

Sunday School is on break this month. It will resume January 4.

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 a time of fellowship.

Explanation of Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.