

LORD'S DAY
November 26, 2017



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America
Dr. Ron Gonzales, Minister
Office: 5 W Alder St, Ste 237 Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 522-1020 Email: office@covenantwallawalla.org

*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive
to 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, most kind and generous: We come to you as your children, because we need you and want to be with you; we come to you as our Lord and God, because we are in awe of you and worship you; we come to you in the name of Jesus, because you have promised to be with us when we gather in his name. All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Eternal Son, and to the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 104.24, 31-34

Prayer of Adoration

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 122

GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord God, the heavens declare your glory, the earth your riches. We thank you for the treasures given us in Jesus; for the unclouded revelation of him in your Word, where we behold his character, grace and glory, as well as his sufferings, death and resurrection. We come to you in his all-prevailing name, with nothing of our own to plead: no works, no worthiness, no promises. We are often straying, often knowingly opposing your authority, often abusing your goodness. Impress us deeply with a sense of your presence; that you are about our paths, our ways, our lying down, and our end. Subdue in us the love of sin, and let us know the need of renewal as well as forgiveness; that we may wholeheartedly serve and enjoy you forever. This we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2.24-25

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 165

YE SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 22.1-31

Sermon

"The Psalm of the Cross"
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 455

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

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 did Christ humble himself in his death?

Christ humbled himself in his death in that, having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death and the powers of darkness, having felt and borne the weight of God's wrath, he laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

— The Westminster Larger Catechism, No. 49

-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. 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.

Our Nursery Helpers

Sunday School

Today: Peter Early and Anna Oliver

Next Week: On Break

Worship

Today: Samantha Schroeder

Next Week: Collie Parsons

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 Leinwebers' (60 Cranbrook Ln) on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. All (including children) are invited.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. They are studying the Psalms and all are welcome.

The Men's Group resumes its study of Ecclesiastes this Wednesday, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's Office. All men are invited.

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 Psalm of the Cross" (Psalm 22.1-31)

1. A Cry for Help (vv. 1-21)

2. A Song of Praise (vv. 22-31)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen: Pray for Andrew's continuing battle with cancer, as well as for his time with Amy and Katherine.

Judie Jud is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery. Pray that it continues to go well and that she is strengthened in every way as she looks to the Lord.

Vickie Myers is recovering from surgery. Pray that she knows God's presence and strength as she convalesces.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for the congregation in Soldotna, AK as they adjust to Andrew's departure and look for an interim pastor to help them plan for the future. May God protect these saints, keep them strong, and make them a vital witness for Christ on the Kenai Peninsula.

Bret Reller has been redeployed to the Middle East and will be there for six months. Pray for safety for him and his team, and for the success of their mission.

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

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries the Week:

November 26	Ron and Cherry Gonzales
November 26	Warren Oliver
November 27	Robert Fastenow
November 27	Seth and Hannah Alden
November 28	Henry Schroeder
December 1	Kathy Martin

Christmas Open House: Pastor Ron and Cherry Gonzales would love to have you join them on December 10, between 3:00 and 7:00 PM, at their home (7934 Mill Creek Rd) for hot cider, carols, and Christmas cheer. Please bring a Christmas treat to share.

Sunday School: The fall quarter comes to an end today. We will take December off and resume classes on January 7.

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.