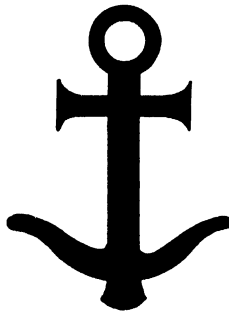


LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*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

O Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come to me. Speak but the word; one gracious word can set the sinner free. I am not worthy; cold and bare the lodging of my soul. How canst Thou deign to enter there? Speak, Lord and make me whole. I am not worthy; yet, my God, how can I say Thee nay – Thee, Who didst give Thy flesh and blood my ransom price to pay? O come; in this sweet morning hour feed me with food Divine; and fill with all Thy love and power this empty heart of mine. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.8-13

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 40

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we humble ourselves in your presence, confessing our unworthiness and sinfulness in your sight. We have broken your holy law. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have been anxious and troubled about many things, and have often neglected the things that belong to our peace. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves, or done to others as we would have them do to us. Most gracious Father, who has given your Son, Jesus Christ, to save your people from their sins; forgive us, we pray; cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1.7-8

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 299

LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS

***Confession of Faith**

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law — resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 16

¹ “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness” (1 Jn 3.4).

-WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS-

Reception of New Members

Matt and Kristina Halvorson

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope apart from his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to strive for its purity and peace?

Prayer

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

1 Timothy 1.8-20

Sermon

“The Glorious Gospel of Grace”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

**Hymn No. 460*

AMAZING GRACE!

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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-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 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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 246

MAN OF SORROWS! WHAT A NAME

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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

Sunday School

Today: Peter Early

Next Week: Peter Early

Worship

Today: Katie and Jack Leinweber

Next Week: Abigail and Annie Carpenter

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, at 12:30 PM. For more information, see Chad. All (including children) are welcome.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Steve Davis, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St), the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the 1 Timothy and all are welcome.

The Men's Group resumes its study of 2 Timothy this Wednesday, at 6:00 AM, at Pastor Ron's office. All men are invited.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary, to pray for one another, the kingdom and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: "The Glorious Gospel of Grace" (1 Timothy 1.8-20)

1. God's Law Exposes Sin (vv. 8-11)

2. Christ's Mercy Saves Sinners (vv. 12-17)

3. Fight the Good Fight (vv. 18-20)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen: Pray the treatment Andrew is receiving continues to show good results, that it has an arresting effect on the cancer, and that he and Amy are kept in God's peace.

Oaks Parish: Pray for the Rev. Bryan Buck our church-planter in Portland, that God strengthens him and blesses his ministry, as he gives himself to the city and the church he is planting.

Brian & Gail Frey (Boise): Pray for Brian and the staff and students of RUF, that God uses their lives and the proclamation of the gospel to bring life to many at Boise State University.

Kristina Halvorson is due May 26. Pray that her pregnancy continues to go well, and that she knows God's strength during this last month.

Mike Leinweber (Chad's dad) continues to decline. Pray he is spared unnecessary pain, and that God surrounds the family, especially Betty, with his peace.

Nicole Miller has been put on bed rest for the remainder of her pregnancy. Pray for the baby's health, that Nicole is able to carry him to full term, and that she and Sandy are kept in God's peace.

Rev. Doug Wilson (Christ Church, Moscow) recently learned that he has a cancerous tumor on his saliva gland. A surgery will soon be scheduled to remove it. Pray it is successful and that the cancer has not metastasized.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: We are meeting during the Coffee Hour today to fill you in on where we are in the process of acquiring the building, as well as hear your thoughts. Please join us.

Financial Update: The March financial statement has been posted to the church website, on the Members page. If you need the password, please let Jacob Schroeder know.

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 the 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.