

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 God, who was and is and ever shall be, before whose face the generations rise and pass away: Age after age the living seek you and find that there is no end to your faithfulness. Our fathers walked by your guidance and trusted in your compassion. Continue to be for us the cloud by day and the fire by night. Where but in you have we a shelter from the storm or a shadow from the heat of day? In our temptations, you alone know and are near. In sorrow, your pity revives the fainting soul; in prosperity and ease, it is your Spirit alone that can preserve us in humility. O Unfailing Supply of Peace and Righteousness, take now the veil from our hearts and join us in one communion with the prophets and saints who have trusted in you and were not ashamed; for we ask it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 148.1-14

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 112

PRAISE YE, PRAISE YE THE LORD

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths, that we might follow you more closely. This we ask, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 457

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

***Confession of Faith**

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 37

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ “And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:17-18).

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

John 10.1-21

Sermon

“Jesus, the Good Shepherd”
Elder Eric Carpenter

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 605

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

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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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***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 520

JESUS THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

Closing Prayer

O God, who has made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Nicole Miller

Next Week: Jenni Early

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 (October 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 is taking a break for the summer. It will resume in October.

The Men's Group is on break until September 26, when it will resume its study of Exodus.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Sermon Notes: “Jesus, the Good Shepherd” (John 10:1-21)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen is eligible for but on a wait list to be admitted into an immunotherapy drug trial with the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Pray that a spot opens up soon. In the meantime, he has begun another chemotherapy regime, hoping it offers some help. Pray that it does, and that he and Amy and Katherine are kept in God's peace.

Corem Deo Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Kyle Parker's and Rev. Matt Bostrom's church planting labors in Spokane, that they yield much fruit and that the church is strengthened under their leadership.

Ronnie Curfman will be preaching next Sunday while Pastor Ron is on vacation. Pray for his preparation and ministry among us, as well as for the congregation's worship.

Brian & Gail Frey: Pray for efforts to befriend and gather new students; that their student leaders continue to grow spiritually and in gifts of service as they carry out their ministries on campus; that the small group Bible studies are places of true community as students dig into scripture together; and that the RUF staff are protected and strengthened by God for this very important work.

Mike Givens is recovering from a broken shoulder. Pray that his recovery would be swift and his healing complete.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

September 20 Vickie Myers

Financial update: The August financial statement has been posted to the church website, on the Members page. If you need the password to view it, please let Jacob Schroeder know; he would be happy to give it to you.

Vacation: Pastor Ron will be on vacation this next week. If you need to reach him, his cell number and email are the surest way. And, of course, if you have an immediate need, the elders welcome your call.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us, following the service, for some 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."