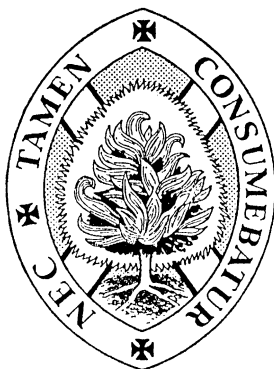


LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2019



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

Heavenly Father, Giver and Sustainer of all life: Help us, as we draw near, to love and adore and worship you with all that we are and all that we have to offer, for you alone are worthy. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 93.1-5

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 75

O FATHER, YOU ARE SOVEREIGN

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, you promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness; that we may know the joy of your presence, the light of your face. You alone know our hearts: how often we have offended you, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought, every false word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for you, but for ourselves. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks, for our neglect of prayer, our ignorance of your Word, our loss of purpose. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us; by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8.32-34

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 181

WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU

***Confession of Faith**

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit including faith itself.¹

— The New City Catechism, No. 35

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 18.1-14

Sermon

**“The Prayers of the Saints”
Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman**

¹ Titus 3.4-6 “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

***Song of Response**

Lord, I Lift My Soul to Thee

words Psalm 25; *Psalter* 1912
music Traditional Spanish melody
Arr. by Benjamin Carr, 1824

1. Lord, I lift my soul to thee, O my God, I trust thy might;
2. Lord, to me thy ways make known, guide in truth and teach thou me;
3. Sins of youth re - mem - ber not, nor my tress - pass - es re - cord;
4. Grace and truth shall mark the way where the Lord his own will lead,

let not foes ex - ult o're me, shame me not be - fore their sight.
thou my Sav - ior art a - lone, all the day I wait for thee.
let not mer - cy be for - got, for thy good - ness' sake, O Lord.
if his word they still o - bey and his tes - ti - mo - nies heed.

Yea, may none be put to shame, none who wait for thee to bless;
Lord, re - mem - ber in thy love all thy mer - cies man - i - fold,
Just and good the Lord a - bides, he his way will sin - ners show;
He who walks in god - ly fear in the path of truth shall go;

but dis - hon - ored be their name who with - out a cause trans-gress.
ten - der mer - cies from a - bove, change-less from the days of old.
he the meek in jus - tice guides, make - ing them his way to know.
peace shall be his por - tion here, and his sons all good shall know.

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

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 55

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude and Silent Prayer

Almighty and gracious Father, grant us a heart to love you, and enable us to show our thankfulness by giving ourselves up to your service, and delighting in all things to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Please stand if able.*

Gatherings

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, is meeting this summer at the Curfman's (1123 Olive St), the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. The group is studying Revelation and all men are invited.

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.

Psalm Sing meets tonite at 6:30PM, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

Sermon Notes: “The Prayers of the Saints” (Luke 18.1-14)

1. Why should we pray?
2. To Whom Does God Listen?
3. How Should We Pray?

Prayer Concerns

Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they share the gospel with the Yakama people. May their words and deeds bring hope and healing to many on the reservation.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Rev. Jeff Glover was just called and will soon be installed as the church planter/pastor of the church in Soldotna, AK. Pray for a smooth transition and a long, effective ministry.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries this Week:

September 4 Emily Leinweber

September 5 Steve Davis

How to Interpret the Bible: Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman will be teaching a ten-week class on interpreting the Bible, on Mondays, beginning October 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. If you are interested talk to Pastor Ron or Ronnie.

Nursery Help Needed: We are looking for a few more adults who are willing to help in the nursery on a rotating basis during worship and, if need be, our Sunday school hour. Contact Nicole Miller.

Vacation: Pastor Ron is on vacation for one more week. If you have an immediate need, Ronnie Curfman and the elders welcome your call.

Women of Covenant: Do you need encouragement? Do you need vision for persevering through challenges? See what the Epistle of James has to say about it. The study will meet Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the chapel, beginning in October, and childcare will be provided. For more information, please talk to Christina McBean or Cherry Gonzales.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, don't miss the Women's Fall Retreat, Oct. 25 at 4 pm to 3 pm, Oct. 26. It will be at Camp Touchet and Rondi Lauterbach (Tucson, AZ) will be our featured teacher. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes lodging, meals, and speaker fees. Please contact Barb McLean if you are planning to attend or have any questions.

VISITORS WELCOME: Please join us for refreshments following the service in the fellowship hall.

Explanation of the 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."