

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

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts this day, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and in outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 89.5-8, 14-17

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 38

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And so we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

*Song of Praise to Christ

Jesus, the Son of God

words Steve Pettit
music Kristin Campbell: arr. Ruth Coleman, 2004
CCLI# 2415226

1. Je-sus is the Son of God, the Lord of all, the cho-sen One, the Son of Man,
2. Je-sus is the Lamb of God, the Righteous One, the Sac-ri-fice who bore my sin, —

—The King of kings who gave His life for me, this Je-sus, the Great "I AM"! —
—The Prince of Life who lives and reigns on high, this Je-sus, He's com-ing a gain! —

We bow down be-fore Him who is wor-thy of wor-ship, Wor-thy of wor-ship and praise.

—We bow down be-fore and hum-bly a-dore, this Je-sus, the Son of God. —

***Confession of Faith**

What is baptism?

Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 44

Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 22.24-38

Sermon

“What It Means to Be a Christian”
Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 691

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

¹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Mt 28.19).

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

-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 rings 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 body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are acknowledging 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.

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. 116

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Today: Jenni Early

Next Week: Kathleen Martin

Gatherings

How to Interpret the Bible: A class taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman on interpreting the Bible meets on Mondays, 6:30 to 8:00 PM, in the chapel. Open to all interested.

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman and Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Thursdays of each month, during the school year, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

The Tuesday Night Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra 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.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, has delayed its start until November 12. It will meet at Tate's Umapine Mercantile, on Tuesdays, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

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

The Women's Study, led by Christina McBean and Cherry Gonzales, meets Thursdays, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, in the chapel. The group is studying James, and all are invited.

Sermon Notes: “What It Means to Be a Christian” (Luke 22.24-38)

1. Having a Different View of Life (vv. 24-30)
2. Living in the Power of Another (vv. 31-34)
3. Having Adversaries with Whom We Struggle (vv. 35-38)

Prayer Concerns

Boise Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in Boise, that God strengthens him and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and to the church that has just begun under his leadership.

Jay & Bet Denton (Boise): Pray for Jay and the RUF staff, as they reach out to students on the Boise State campus, that God goes before them, softening hearts and granting faith to many.

The McBean Family: Pray for God's comfort as Christina and the family grieve the unexpected death of her cousin Brian.

Announcements

Operation Christmas Child: For those interested, it is time to begin packing your shoeboxes. The pickup date is Sunday, November 17. All boxes go to third world countries and will include a short gospel message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and hope you will join us after 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.