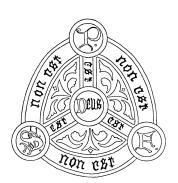
LORD'S DAY

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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 God, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I do, for I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding.

-Ambrose of Milan, AD 339-397

*Call to Worship

Psalm 31.1-8

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song of Praise to God

In the

arms of

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



my dear Sa - vior, Oh there are

ten thou-sand charms!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

-From The Book of Common Prayer Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1.13-14

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 170

FAIREST LORD JESUS

*Confession of Faith

Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.¹

-The New City Catechism, No. 47

Prayer for the Church and the World

¹ Peter 3:18 "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God."

Scripture Lesson Luke 23.26-43

Sermon

"The Shame of the Cross" Ronnie Curfman, Pastoral Intern

*Song of Response



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 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. 125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction 2 Corinthians 13.14

Postlude

*Please stand if able

Our Nursery Helpers

Today: Samantha Schroeder Next Week: Emily Leinweber

Gatherings

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

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, meets 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 is on break until further notice.

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

| Sermon Notes: The Shame of the Cross | |
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| 1. Foreshadow of Judgment | |
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| 2. Endurance of Shame | |
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3. Promise of Life

Prayer Concerns

Redeemer Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Jeff Glover, our church planter in Soldatna, AK, that God strengthens him and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the community and to the church he is planting.

Tom & Melissa Manning (Turkey): Living in Istanbull, the Mannings are quite a distance away from the Syrian border, and in no physical danger, but they are ministering to Syrian refugees who are fearful of what is happening in their homeland. Pray for Tom and Melissa as they reach out to these people with the hope and good news of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Vickie Myers was back in St Mary's this week, fighting an infection. Pray for healing and for strength, and that she is kept in God peace, moment by moment.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week:

November 26 Ron and Cherry Gonzales

November 27 Robert Fastenow

November 27 Seth and Hannah Alden

November 28 Henry Schroeder December 1 Kathleen Martin

Thanks to all those who generously made up Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We may never know on this side of heaven how God will use them for his kingdom purposes!

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 Shield of the Holy Trinity is frequently found in stained glass windows of medieval churches. This emblem expresses the Christian doctrine of the triunity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.