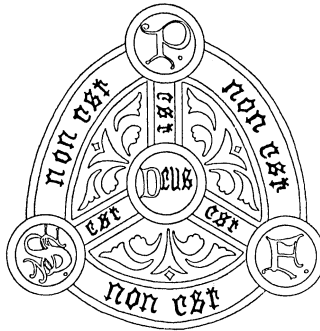


# LORD'S DAY

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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**

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; Thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

—Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 104.24-34

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 122*

*GOD, ALL NATURE SINGS THY GLORY*

## **-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*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Zephaniah 3.16-17

### **\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 176*

*HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS!*

### **\*Confession of Faith**

How and why did God create us?

**God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.<sup>1</sup>**

—The New City Catechism, No. 4

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<sup>1</sup> "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Gen. 1.27).

## 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

Revelation 2.1-7

#### Sermon

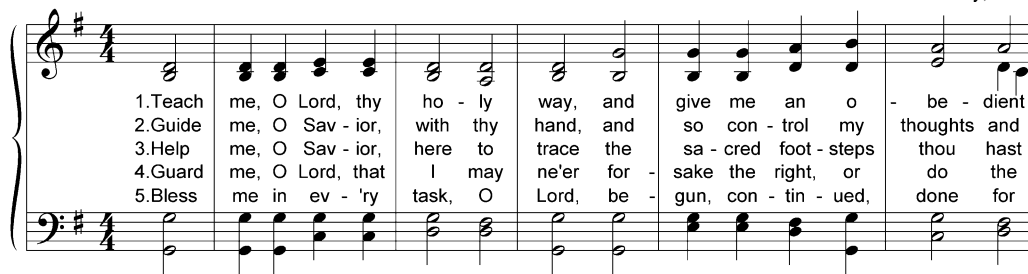
"The Hearts and Lives of Those Who Bear the Light"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

#### \*Song of Response

### Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way

words William T. Matson, 1866  
music William B. Bradbury, 1853



1. Teach me, O Lord, thy ho - ly way, and give me an o - be - dient  
2. Guide me, O Sav - ior, with thy hand, and so con - trol my thoughts and  
3. Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace the sa - cred foot - steps thou hast  
4. Guard me, O Lord, that I may ne'er for - sake the right, or do the  
5. Bless me in ev - 'ry task, O Lord, be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for



mind; that in thy ser - vice I may find my soul's de - light from day to day.  
deeds, that I may tread the path which leads right on - ward to the bless - ed land.  
trod; and, meek - ly walk - ing with my God, to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.  
wrong: a - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong, and round me spread thy shel - t'ring care.  
thee: ful - fill thy per - fect work in me; and thine a - bound - ing grace af - ford.

## 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.

#### *A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

## **\*Song of Thanksgiving**

*Hymn No. 481*

*TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

## **\*Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

## **Postlude**

\*Please stand if able

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## **Our Nursery Helpers**

Today: Collie Parsons

Next Week: Samantha Schroeder

## **Gatherings**

*A Children's Catechism Class*, taught by 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 Pastor Ron, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St) on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying Revelation, considering each passage before it is preached. 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 Joshua 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.

*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 Hearts and Lives of Those Who Bear The Light” (Rev 2.1-7)**

## Prayer Concerns

*Boise Presbyterian Church:* Pray for Rev. Brian Frey, our church planter in downtown Boise, that God blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and to the church he is planting.

*Mike Givens* is recovering and rehabbing from surgery at Regency at the Park. Pray that it continues to go well, and that he knows God's presence and is strengthened in his grace during this time.

*Tom Manning & Melissa Manning* (Turkey): In addition to praying for Tom's ongoing health concerns, pray for the growing relationships that he and Melissa are developing with Syrian refugees in Istanbul and other parts of Turkey that they regularly visit, that God opens doors for the gospel and brings new life to many.

*Elizabeth Miller* is at home, recovering from hip replacement surgery. Pray for continued healing and for renewed strength.

*Vickie Myers:* Rick and Vickie were able to take their anniversary trip after all. Praise God for keeping her healthy and safe. Pray for continued healing and strength.

## Announcements

*Birthdays this Week:*

January 26	Bruce Hamovitz
January 27	Eric Carpenter
February 1	Janice Vander Griend

*Visitors:* Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and hope you will join us after the service for some refreshments and a time of fellowship.

### Explanation of the Trinity Window

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.



