

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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COVENANT

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

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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

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**

Isaiah 12.4b-6

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 3

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 175

A WONDERFUL SAVIOR IS JESUS MY LORD

***Confession of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

—The Apostles' Creed¹

¹ Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Brian, Melissa, Cael, Mae and Ella Fortin

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and to you receive and rest upon Him Alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to strive for its purity and peace?

Prayer

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Provenance of God”

John 7.25-52

Elder Jacob Schroeder

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 335

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, DWELL WITH ME

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.*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward (generally from the back of the sanctuary to the front, though you may commune at any time) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring 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 prayer 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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 253

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinwebers', from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer, and Bible study. This year they will be studying the Gospel of John, in tandem with the Sunday sermon series. All are welcome!

Men's & High School Boys' Bible & Catechism Study meets Mondays, at 6:30 PM, at the church, and runs through March 30. The study is intended to teach the core tenets of the faith and equip the believer to challenge the cultural narratives of our day, especially concerning where we find meaning and purpose. For more information, talk to Chad Leinweber.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets Fridays, 6:00-7:00 AM, in the Coffee Hour room. They are going through a series entitled, "Leadership by the Book," in which 52 leadership principles related to personal development, relationships, and life skills are studied from a biblical perspective. All men and older sons are invited.

A Men's Leadership Bible Study, led by Kirk Alden, meets at Tate's Umapine Mercantile on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. All men are invited. For more information, talk to Kirk.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:00 PM, in the Coffee Hour room, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

Women's Study & Fellowship: Women and teen girls (middle and high school) are invited to an allergy-friendly dinner and Bible study each Monday, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, through March 30. The women will study Daniel 1-6; the girls will study the book of James. All are welcome.

Sermon Notes: "The Provenance of God" (John 7.25-52)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Drew & Jessica Burdette (Boise): Pray for the Burdettes and the RUF staff as they reach out to Boise State University students with the gospel, and as they seek to disciple those who know and are eager to grow in Christ.

I Am With You Wherever You Go: The LORD said to Joshua, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Josh 1.9). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Duane & Judie Jud, Bryce Krueger, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* draw courage this week from God's enabling presence.

The Persecuted Church: There are approximately 500,000 Christians out of 4.2 million people in *Kuwait*. Converts from Islam face pressure from family and their local communities to recant their faith. Conversions often lead to legal problems in personal status and property matters. Evangelism is strictly forbidden, as is Christian education and literature. Pray for those considered infidels who are being discriminated against because of their faith in Christ. Pray they are strengthened in grace. And pray for the growth and maturing of the church in Kuwait.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, in Soldotna, AK, has called Rev. Nathan Boldt to be its new pastor/church planter. Pray the Lord supplies all of his needs, and that he and his family quickly feel at home in the Kenai peninsula. Pray also that God blesses his ministry among this flock, that it grows in number and in Christlikeness to the glory of God.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: Please join us after church today for a congregational meeting, at which the elders will share the path forward in calling our next pastor, and our role in it.

Easter Breakfast: The deacons will be serving breakfast on Easter, at 8:30 AM. If you will be attending, please let Kirk Alden know; a head-count will help with preparations.

Financial Update: The February financial statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to access it, please reach out to Jacob Schroeder.

Good Friday Service: Join us Friday, April 3, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, as we remember the passion and death of our Lord and Savior.