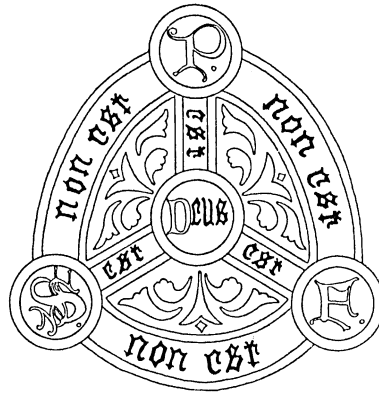


LORD'S DAY

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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

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 46.1-11

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 92

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

-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

Micah 7.18-19

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 441

JESUS SHALL REIGN

*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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Anton Bushkovskiy

Questions:

1. Do you understand that you are a sinner and that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for your sin and to give you eternal life?
2. Have you taken Christ as your Savior and are you trusting in him alone for your salvation?

Baptism and Prayer

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-

Sermon

“Living with Eternity in View”

John 8.12-30

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 321

GREAT GOD, WHAT DO I SEE AND HEAR!

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. 460

AMAZING GRACE!

- 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!

The Men's & High School Boys' Bible & Catechism Study is on break this month. It will resume Monday, May 4.

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.

Sermon Notes: "Living with Eternity in View " (John 8.12-30)

Prayer Concerns

Attentive to Our Cry: David writes, “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit” (Ps 34.17-18). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Juliana Hallowell, Judie Jud, Bryce Krueger, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* know the nearness of God to lift their spirits and deliver them from every evil.

The Persecuted Church: There are 118 million professing Christians out of 144 million people living in *Russia*. In Muslim-dominated regions, those who convert from Islam suffer persecution from family, friends, and community members. The far greater threat, however, comes from the government, which surveils its citizens. Pray for the safety of church members when they are arrested and interrogated by the police. And pray that suspicion of Protestants who receive support from foreign organizations will not be an impediment to the growth and health of the church in Russia.

Rev. Alister & Sarah Torrens: Alister is back in Northern Ireland, after teaching another course at the seminary in *Kyiv*. Praise God for keeping both him and his students safe once again. Pray now for Alister’s time with the children, while Sarah is in Waitsburg helping her mom care for her aged father, whose health is failing.

Trinity Presbyterian, our church-plant in Richland, is now a year old and doing very well. Pray for Rev. Andrew Perkins, as he leads this church, and for those God has called to be a part of it. Pray that, together, they are growing in grace and in an ever-increasing love for the Savior.

Announcements

Nominations Remain Open: Members have until next Sunday, April 19, to nominate members to serve on the Pastor Search Committee (PSC). Please pass your nominations on to Pastor Ron. The elders will talk to each nominee to make sure they are willing and able to serve. Those who are will be announced May 3, and a Congregational Meeting to elect the PSC members will occur May 17.

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 trinity of Almighty God, a truth taught in Scripture and affirmed by the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.