

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

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; help us to praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99.1-5, 9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 46

ROUND THE LORD IN GLORY SEATED

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all too easily. We pretend, lie, envy and lust, we criticize, brood, ignore and deny, we hoard, defame, distort and make excuses, and then we expect an easy forgiveness for the asking. Lord God, forgive us for our blatant disregard of your holy character. Let us not misinterpret your patience with our sin as if it were permissiveness. Astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not drive us to despair, but cause us to number our days and give us hearts of wisdom; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 185

MAJESTIC SWEETNESS SITS ENTHRONED

***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.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Fore-Fancying Death”

John 11.17-44

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 547

WITH HARPS AND WITH VIOLS

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) and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the clear cups, grape juice in colored the cups. 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. 518

CHRIST, OF ALL MY HOPES THE GROUND

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, is on break for the summer. It will resume in September.

A Men's & High School Boys' Bible & Catechism Study meets Mondays, at 6:30 PM, at the church. 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 Umapipe 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.

The Women of Covenant: Book Club will next meet on June 17, from 6:30 to 8:00, to discuss two short books: *A Call to Prayer*, by J.C. Ryle, and *Praying the Bible*, by Donald S. Whitney. That will be followed on July 15, with a discussion of John Bunyan's, *Pilgrim's Progress*. And on August 12, the discussion will be of *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley. There are copies of all the books in the church library, if you would like to borrow one.

Sermon Notes: "Fore-Fancying Death" (John 11.17-24)

Prayer Concerns

Our Helper in Weakness: Paul writes, “The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God” (Rom 8.26-27). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Paul Carmichael, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hallowell, Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* are comforted knowing that the Spirit is praying for them even when they do not know how to pray for themselves.

The Persecuted Church: There are 4 million Christians out of 204 million people in *Pakistan*. Historic churches are free to worship, but they are heavily monitored and often targeted for attack. Churches that are active in outreach face even more persecution. In general, Christians are treated as second-class citizens; the country’s anti-blasphemy laws are disproportionately applied to them, making it dangerous to live out one’s faith. Pray for the protection of converts from Islam; they are particularly vulnerable to persecution. And pray for Christians who are accused under anti-blasphemy laws. Ask God to strengthen them amidst their trials, and that justice will prevail.

Rev. Alister & Sarah Torrens: Alister has just finished another module at the seminary in *Kyiv*. Pray for his safety and the safety of the students as they travel back to their homes, and continue to pray for an end to the war that has devastated the lives of so many in Ukraine.

Announcements

Hospitality Need: Rev. Rick DeMass, a PCA minister from Puyallup, will be filling in June 28, when Pastor Ron is at General Assembly. Pastor DeMass will be driving over on Saturday, the 27th, and would prefer to spend the night with a church family rather than at a hotel. If you would like to host him, please let Pastor Ron know as soon as possible, as he and Cherry will be leaving for GA immediately following next Sunday’s service.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for and tend to the shepherding needs of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.