

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, as we gather in your name, we pray for your blessing. Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened; may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged; may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort; may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 47.1-2, 5-7

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 101

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have offended you: in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on those who are ashamed of and sorry for their iniquities. Teach us to hate our offenses; cleanse us from our secret faults; forgive us our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most loving Father, help us, we pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, in keeping with the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3.4-7

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 159

O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR

*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.

Reception of New Members

LJ, Sylvia, Joey, Maya and Montalia Murray

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 do 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

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

“Behind a Frowning Providence”

John 11.1-16

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 689

BE STILL, MY SOUL

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.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 691

IT IS WELL WITH MYSOUL

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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 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.

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: "Behind a Frowning Providence" (John 11.1-16)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister to the Yakama people, that God uses them to convey the love of Christ to many, and that through their witness a great number on the reservation come to know the Savior and grow in him.

The Persecuted Church: There are less than 40,000 Christians out of 7 million people in *Libya*. Without a central government to uphold law and order, Christians from Muslim backgrounds face intense pressure to renounce their faith. They also have no freedom of speech or equal treatment under the law. Pray for these believers and especially for the new converts from Islam. Pray for their protection and for their growth in Christ. And pray for the church in Libya, that though small in number, it continues to grow and becomes a beacon of light and hope in a very dark place.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Soldotna, AK): We recently learned that, under Rev. Nathan Boldt's leadership, relationships have been restored between several families who left Redeemer two or three years ago and those who stayed. The two groups have reconciled and are once again worshipping as one church. Praise God! Pray that God continues to strengthen their unity in Christ, and that he uses their obedience to follow him in this way as a testimony to others.

Upheld by God: David prayed, "The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand" (Ps 37.23-24). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Paul Carmichael, Sandy Cupolillo, Juliana Hallowell, Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* are comforted knowing that God is upholding them each day.

Announcements

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3.2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters, Samuel Rutherford reminded his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."