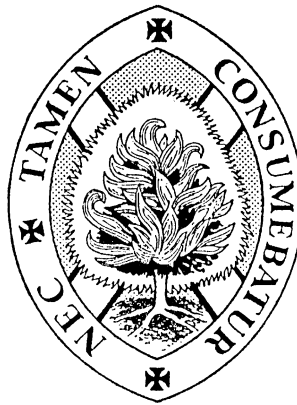


LORD'S DAY

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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 24.1-10

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 198

LIFT UP YOUR HEAD, YE MIGHTY GATES!

-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

Psalm 51.1-3, 7-10, 12-17

*Song of Praise to Christ

Hymn No. 369

SHOUT, FOR THE BLESSED JESUS REIGNS

*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

“The Long-Awaited King”

John 12.12-19

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 235

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

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 heavenly 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. 457

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

-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 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 meet again July 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, to discuss *Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan. That will be followed August 12 by a discussion of *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley. There are copies of both books in the church library if you would like to borrow them.

Sermon Notes: "The Long-Awaited King" (John 12.12-19)

Prayer Concerns

The Christian Aid Center cares for many of the hurting and needy in our community. Pray that God uses their staff and volunteers to convey his love and grace to those they serve, and pray for those from Covenant who will serve dinner there tomorrow night, that they too will be ministers of his love and grace.

The Persecuted Church: There are only a few thousand Christians out of 30 million people in *Yemen*. Civil and political unrest has made it dangerous to be a follower of Christ. Church services are prohibited and Muslims who follow Christ often face certain death. Pray for peace, as opposing sides continue to clash, leaving Christians quite vulnerable. Pray especially for those who convert from Islam, that they have courage and are sustained in their faith.

My Strength & My Song: Having experienced God's deliverance, the people of Israel sang, "The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him" (Ex 15.2). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hollowell, Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* have this song on their lips as well.

Rev. Alister & Sarah Torrens: Alister is back in Northern Ireland after teaching another course at the seminary in *Kyiv*. Pray for their time together as a family during the summer break. And continue praying for an end to the war that has devastated so many in Ukraine.

Announcements

Financial Update: The June Financial Statement and New Fiscal Year Budget have been posted to the church website. If you need the password to access it, please reach out to Jacob Schroeder.

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.

Women's Book Club meets this Wednesday, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, to discuss *Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan. Please come for the discussion and fellowship. Copies of the book are in the church library if you would like to borrow one.