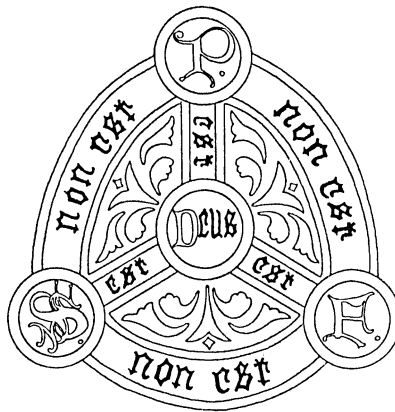


LORD'S DAY

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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

O God, who makes Thyself known in the stillness: Make me to know Thy presence in this sacred place; make me to be of the company of brave saints who have worshiped here in spirit and in truth. Through the voices of men and the instruments of praise lift my heart to Thee and so purify my life that, going forth, I may go in Thy strength and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 95.1-7

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 23

GOD OF GODS, WE SOUND HIS PRAISES

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we confess that we are unworthy of your mercy and grace. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved or forgiven others as you, for Christ's sake, have loved and forgiven us. Too often we have lived in selfishness and pride, receiving the good gifts you have given, but failing to use them to bless and relieve the burdens of others. Pardon our offenses, we pray. Grant us the grace to feel and lament our share in the evil that made it necessary for Jesus to suffer and die for our salvation. Give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance wrought by our Lord and only Redeemer. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 181

WE COME, O CHRIST, TO YOU

***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 Lord of Glory”

John 12.36-43

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 34

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

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. 159

O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR

-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.

Women of Covenant: Book Club will meet again August 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, to discuss *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley. There are copies of the book in the church library if you would like to borrow it.

Sermon Notes: "The Lord of Glory" (John 12.36-43)

Prayer Concerns

The Persecuted Church: There are 66 million Christians out of 1.3 billion people in *India*, where the principal religion is Hinduism. Since the ruling party took control in 2014, attacks against Christians by Hindu radicals have increased with little to no consequences. In their view, to be Indian is to be Hindu, so any other faith is viewed as non-Indian. Converts from Hindu backgrounds are particularly mistreated. Pray for strength for them and for all Christian converts who are pressured to return to their former religions. Pray for God's power and protection over those preaching the gospel in places with anti-conversion laws. And pray that such laws are changed, leading to true religious freedom in India.

A Stronghold in Times of Trouble: David writes, "The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you" (Ps 9.9-10). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hallowell, Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbach, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* find comfort and security in the LORD, their only sure refuge.

Rev. Ebenezer & Evangeline Sudhaharan (Kolkata, India). *Eby* and *Eva*, Indians by birth, spent four years in St. Louis, graduating last spring from Covenant Theological Seminary: Eby with a Master of Divinity, and Eva with a Master of Arts in Counseling. They have since returned to India and, six months ago, after the birth of their second child, moved to Kolkata, where they, along with two other missionary couples, have begun planting a church. Pray for them. Kolkata, a city of 22.5 million, is a very dark place, spiritually. Several languages are spoken there. Hence Eby and Eva are busy learning new languages: Bengali (the local language) for Eby, and Hindi for Eva. Pray for their language acquisition, for their adjustment as a family to Kolkata, for their relationships with other team members, and for their proclamation of the gospel and its reception by many.

Announcements

Men & Boys: Join us downstairs this coming Saturday at 8:00 AM for our monthly fellowship breakfast, and be sure to bring a friend!

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship following the service.