

# LORD'S DAY

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## COVENANT

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*

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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**

Father, most kind and generous: We come to you as your children, because we need you and want to be with you; we come to you as our Lord and God, because we are in awe of you and worship you; we come to you in the name of Jesus, because you have promised to be with us when we gather in his name. All glory be to you, O Father, and to the Eternal Son, and to the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 66.1-9

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 76*

*PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? Or if there is any evil that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that you have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so, and help us to follow you in every way and always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 172*

*LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER*

**\*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' Creed<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

## **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**

“The Demonstration of Faith”

John 12.1-11

Rev. Ron Gonzales

#### **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 648*

*MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE*

#### **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. 455*

*AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN*

## -GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

**\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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### **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 Demonstration of Faith" (John 12.1-11)**

## **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 the witness of their lives a great number on the reservation might come to know the Savior and grow in him.

*The Peace of God:* Paul urged the Philippians, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Ph 4.6-7). 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 guarded this week by God’s peace, as they trust him with every need and turn to him with every anxious thought.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 2 million Christians out of 43 million people in *Sudan*, where the church is at great risk. The secession of South Sudan in 2011 left many vulnerable as Islamic conservatives pushed for a Shariah state. The government has since arrested many Christian leaders and several churches have been demolished. Extremists have attacked believers, especially in the Nuba region, where thousands have been killed or displaced. Pray that Christians are spared, that they are given the freedom to worship, are sustained in their faith, despite the difficulty, and have access to Bibles and Christian discipleship.

*Trinity Presbyterian (Richland):* Pray for Rev. Andrew Perkins, as he leads this young church. Pray that God gives him wisdom as he teaches and preaches the Word each week, that the congregation is nourished and strengthened in Christ, and that in turn God uses the flock to touch and bless the lives of others in Richland and in the Tri-Cities with the good news of the gospel.

## **Announcements**

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

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6.19: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul...” When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.