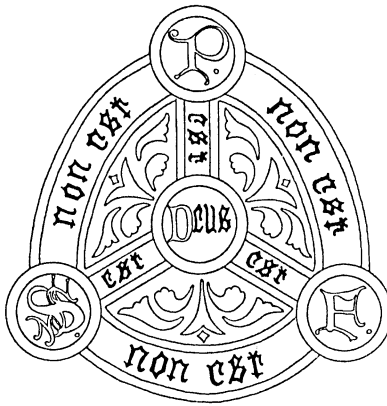


LORD'S DAY

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— 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

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our brothers and sisters in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 96.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 53

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

—From The Book of Common Prayer

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 441

JESUS SHALL REIGN

***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.

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

"Take Heart"
John 16.32-33
Rev. Pete Williamson

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 311

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

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. 32

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

-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 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 Wednesday September 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, to discuss *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. Copies of the book are available in the church library, if you would like to borrow one.

Sermon Notes: "Take Heart" (1 John 16.32-33)

Prayer Concerns

The Persecuted Church: There are only 200,000 Christians out of 40 million people in *Iraq*. Many of them are still recovering from the brutal reign of ISIS. For others, the threat has not yet diminished, especially in the North. Iraq remains very tribal, which means there is significant pressure for believers from Muslim backgrounds, since conversion is seen as a rejection of heritage and family. Pray for those who are recovering from such trauma, that they might be strengthened and grow in grace. And pray for pastors who are greatly needed to care for and feed the saints in Iraq.

A Shield & Great Reward: When Abram was tempted to doubt, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Do not be afraid Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward” (Gen 15.1). In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hallowell, Duane & Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Jason Lynch, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, Rich Parker* and *Doreen Teall* also know the LORD as their protector and the great satisfier of their souls.

Rev. Ebenezer & Evangeline Sudhaharan (Kolkata, India). Pray for *Eby* and *Eva* as they focus on learning new languages that will make them more effective in communicating the gospel. Pray for their adjustment as a family to Kolkata, for their relationships with other team members, and for their leadership in planting this new church.

Trinity Presbyterian (Richland): Pray for Rev. Andrew Perkins, as he leads this young church. Pray that God use his teaching and preaching each week to nourish and strengthen the congregation, and that in turn God is uses the flock to touch and bless the lives of others in the Tri-Cities with the good news of the gospel.

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!

Potluck in the Park: Join us for a potluck at Pioneer Park following the service on September 13. Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you're able.

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.