

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

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-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

O Lord our God and Heavenly Father! We, your unworthy children, come into your most holy and heavenly presence to give you praise and glory for your great mercies and blessings. Increase in us that true faith that allows us to lay sure hold on your Son, and rest on his merits. Help us with your good Spirit, that we may continue to the end, be received into glory, and partake of that immortal crown you have laid up for all who love you. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 135.1-7, 21

Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord,

give praise, O servants of the Lord,

² who stand in the house of the Lord,

in the courts of the house of our God!

³ Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

⁴ For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,

Israel as his own possession.

⁵ For I know that the Lord is great,

and that our Lord is above all gods.

⁶ Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,

in heaven and on earth,

in the seas and all deeps.

⁷ He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,

who makes lightnings for the rain

and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

²¹ Blessed be the Lord from Zion,

he who dwells in Jerusalem!

Praise the Lord!

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 12

EXALT THE LORD, HIS PRAISE PROCLAIM

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and listen to our groanings, for we acknowledge our iniquities and lay open our sins before you. Against you, O God, have we sinned; to you we make our confession and implore forgiveness. Turn your face again, O Lord, upon your servants whom you have redeemed with your own blood. Spare us, we pray. Assure pardon for our sins and be pleased to extend to us your loving-kindness and mercy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 24.45-47

***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

Prayer for the Church and the World

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.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“The Genuine Article”

Romans 12.9-10

Elder Jacob Schroeder

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 529

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

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**

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 521

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

-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 meets again on August 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, to discuss *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley; followed by a discussion of *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi, on September 16. Copies of both books are available in the church library, if you would like to borrow one.

Sermon Notes: "The Genuine Article" (Romans 12.9-10)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Drew & Jessica Burdette (RUF, Boise State University): Pray for Drew, who is on sabbatical this summer. Pray that it proves to be a wonderful time of rejuvenation for the coming school year as he devotes uninterrupted time to the Lord and to his family.

The Gift of Peace: Jesus told his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (Jn 14.27). 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* know and are kept in Christ’s peace as they look to him in the week ahead.

The Persecuted Church: Nearly half of the 200 million people living in *Nigeria* are Christians, though many suffer at the hands of Islamic extremists. Some are deprived of their land and means of livelihood, others face rejection from their communities. Pray that they know God’s presence, are kept in his peace, and are provided with what they need to survive. Pray for their adversaries, that God touches and changes their hearts. And pray for the pastors who are seeking to help them grow spiritually and rebuild their lives.

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

Picnic at the Park: Please join us today, at 12:30 PM, for a no-host (i.e., bring your own lunch) picnic at Pioneer Park. Lots of good fellowship will be provided!

Financials Update: The July Financial Statement has been posted to the church website. If you need the password to access it, please reach out to Jacob Schroeder.