

LORD'S DAY

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COVENANT

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

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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 Heart Preparation

A Choir Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145.1-21

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 2

O WORSHIP THE KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, all that we are is laid bare before you. What could be hidden within us, even if we were unwilling to confess it? We would be hiding you from ourselves, not ourselves from you. And we make our confession not in words alone, but with the voice of our soul and in our thoughts which cry aloud to you. When we are evil, making confession to you is simply to be displeased with ourselves. When we are good, it is to make no claim on our own behalf, for without you we can do nothing. And, so, we confess our many sins of thought, word, and deed. We love you and so we are ashamed of ourselves and, once again, choose you and your will. Forgive us and help us to seek no pleasure for ourselves except that which is also pleasure for you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 302

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

***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

“The Betrayal of a Friend”

John 13.18-30

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 498

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

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 the colored 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. 523

MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, resumes September 15. The group meets for fellowship, prayer and Bible study on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, at Chad and Heidi Leinwebers', though the first meeting will be at Paul and Leslie Carmichael's. This year they will continue their study of the Gospel of John in preparation for Sunday's sermon series. All are invited!

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: “The Betrayal of a Friend” (John 13.18-30)

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Drew & Jessica Burdette (RUF, Boise State): The students have arrived and Drew and his staff are in the throes of a busy Fall schedule. Pray for them as they focus on getting to know new students, inviting them to RUF, and looking for opportunities to share Christ with them. Pray as well for their ongoing work of discipleship.

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 a little over 100,000 Christians out of 42 million people in *Algeria*. The government has closed many Protestant churches, and Christians have been forcibly expelled by police in the middle of worship services. Pray that these believers know God's presence. Pray for more converts, and for their safety. And pray for those who have been rejected by their families, that they find comfort in knowing they are part of God's family.

I Will Sing: David prayed, "I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress" (Ps 59.16). In addition to strength and healing, pray that the hearts of *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hallowell, Duane & Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Jason Lynch, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, Rich Parker, and Doreen Teall* are tuned to sing of the Lord's steadfast love and faithfulness each day.

Announcements

Birthdays This Week:

September 14	Karen Carpenter
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September 15	Kit Alden

Book Club: The final gathering of this summer's Women's Book Club will meet Wednesday 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. All are invited.

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

Potluck in the Park: The potluck has been postponed until next Sunday, September 20. Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able.