

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

Lord God, we gather in this place not because we are deserving of your love, nor because we have lived faithfully before your face. We are here because you called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son for our salvation. For this we join all creation in blessing, praising, and thanking you. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! You are great, and greatly to be praised! As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 99.1-5

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No.100

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, teach us not to sin with such abandon. We do it all too easily. We pretend, lie, envy and lust, we criticize, brood, ignore and deny, we hoard, defame, distort and make excuses, and then we expect an easy forgiveness for the asking. Lord God, forgive us for our blatant disregard of your holy character. Let us not misinterpret your patience with our sin as if it were permissiveness. Astonish us with a wholesome, godly fear which will not drive us to despair, but cause us to number our days and give us hearts of wisdom; in Jesus' name. Amen

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 159

O SAVIOR, PRECIOUS SAVIOR

***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

“A Coming Home Unlike Any Other”

John 14.1-4

Rev. Ron Gonzales

***Song of Response**

Hymn No. 550

THERE IS A LAND OF PURE DELIGHT

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

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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 the colored cups. We warmly invite to the Table all who have taken Christ as their Savior, are baptized, and are members of an evangelical church where you live and worship. 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. 518

CHRIST, OF ALL MY HOPES THE GROUND

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chad and Heidi Leinwebers', from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, for fellowship, prayer and Bible study. They are studying 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.

Sermon Notes: “A Coming Home Unlike Any Other” (John 14.1-4)

Prayer Concerns

The Persecuted Church: There are 4 million Christians out of 54 million people in *Myanmar*, formerly Burma. Extremists believe that to be Burmese is to be Buddhist, so there is intense pressure on all religious minorities. Churches have been closed and the government severely restricts the rights of believers. Pray for persecuted Christians, that they lovingly care for other persecuted minorities. Pray that many are open to the gospel and that those who convert see their need for the church.

Sufficient Grace: The Lord said to Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12.9). Pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hollowell, Duane & Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Jason Lynch, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, Rich Parker, and Doreen Teall* also find God’s grace sufficient for every weakness.

Rev. Alister & Sarah Torrens (A note from Sarah): “We are very thankful for a good memorial service for my dad and for family time in the US, for Saphira’s GCSE results, and for 7 new seminary students. Alister is back in *Kyiv* this month and will be living at the seminary, as the city has been under relentless attack by ballistic missiles; two of them struck within 150 meters of our house. Please keep us in your prayers.”

Announcements

Fall Women’s & Teen Girls’ Bible Studies will meet Mondays, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, October 5 to November 16, at the church. The women will study the second half of the book of Daniel; the girls will read *Growing in Godliness: a Teen Girl’s Guide to Maturing in Christ*, by Lindsey Carlson. All women and teen girls are invited. Supper will be provided.

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

The Men’s & Boys’ Bible & Catechism Class resumes Monday, October 5, and runs through November 30. It meets from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the basement. The study teaches the core tenets of the faith and equips believers to challenge the cultural narratives of our day, especially concerning where we find meaning and purpose. For more information, talk to Chad Leinweber or John McBean.

Sunday School resumes next week at 9:00 AM, with classes for children, youth, and adults. The adult class will be studying The Pastoral Epistles this year, beginning with First Timothy.