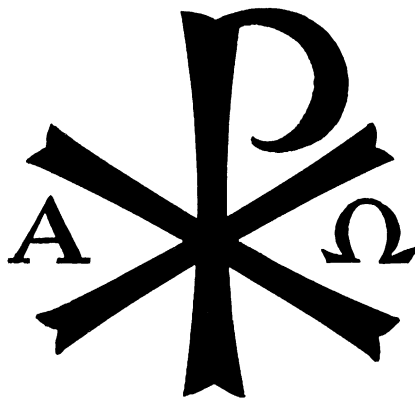


LORD'S DAY

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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

Almighty God, who through the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Draw our hearts to you this day, guide our minds, and control our wills, that we may be wholly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you desire, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 47.1-9

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 101

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

O Lord, our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But to whom can we cry except you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation'" (Ps 35.3)! Come, O God, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side; in Jesus' name. Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine's *Confessions*

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 299

LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS

***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.

Prayer for the Church and the World

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Sermon

“Washing One Another’s Feet”

John 13.1-17

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 638

SAVIOR, THY DYING LOVE THOU GAVEST ME

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. 455

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

Gatherings

Home Fellowship Group, led by Pastor Ron, resumes on 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: “Washing One Another’s Feet” (John 13.1-17)

Prayer Concerns

A Love That Never Ceases: Jeremiah prayed, “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lam 3.22-23). 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* take rest in the steadfast love of the LORD in the week ahead.

Rev. Tom & Melissa Manning: The Mannings are currently leading a short-term team of seven adults from their home church in Arizona to Turkey. They will be there until September 12, spending time with Turkish and Arab Christians from Muslim backgrounds, ministering to Syrian refugees, and encouraging Merzek and Regina, the missionary couple serving in Turkey that Tom and Melissa coach from a far. Pray that God uses the Manning’s visit to strengthen the faith of many, including those who are traveling with them.

The Persecuted Church: There are 16 million Christians out of 100 million people in *Egypt*. Many encounter great difficulty living out their faith. There are both violent attacks and more subtle forms of persecution Egyptian believers face, especially those who convert from Islam. Pray for those who have been injured or who otherwise suffer for their faith. And pray that the Lord softens the hearts of extremists, so that Jesus’ name might be more openly made known.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Soldotna, AK): Thank God for the terrific start Rev. Boldt has had among the saints in Soldotna. Pray for the congregation’s continued growth in Christ and witness throughout the Kenai Peninsula. May the Lord continue to be glorified as the church follows Christ and loves one another as he loved them.

Announcements

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.

Session Meeting: The elders are meeting this Thursday, at 5:30 PM, to pray for and tend to the shepherding needs of the church. Pray for them as they do, and please let them know how they can pray for you.