

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, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts this day, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and in outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 92.1-4

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 97

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most fervent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that we might from this time forth serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Silently add your own confession of sin.

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 167

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

***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

“The Work of the Spirit”

John 16.4-15

Rev. Ron Gonzales

*Song of Response

Hymn No. 337

O SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

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 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. 252

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

***Benediction**

Numbers 6.24-26

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.

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

Prayer Meeting: We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, from 5:00 to 5:30 PM, in the Coffee Hour room, to pray for one another, for the kingdom, and the world. Please join us.

The Fall Women's & Teen Girl's Bible Studies meet each Monday, through November 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at the church. The women are studying the second half of Daniel; the girls are reading and discussing *Growing in Godliness: A Teen Girl's Guide to Maturing in Christ*, by Lindsey Carlson. All women and teen girls are invited. Supper is provided.

Sermon Notes: “The Work of the Spirit” (John 16.4-5)

Prayer Concerns

A Divine Stronghold: David prayed, “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Ps 27.1) In addition to strength and healing, pray that *Kirk & Kristi Alden, Eric Carpenter, Sandy Cupolillo, Cherry Gonzales, Juliana Hollowell, Duane & Judie Jud, Theresa Krumbah, Jason Lynch, Patton McBean, Rick Myers, and Doreen Teall* know God’s mighty presence and shielding care in the week ahead.

Rev. Chris & Mary Granberry (White Swan): Pray for the Granberrys and the Sacred Road team as they minister to the Yakama people. Pray that God uses them to convey the love of Christ to many, and that through both their service and the witness of their lives a great number on the reservation come to know the Savior and grow in him.

The Persecuted Church: There are some 10,000 Christians out of 4.6 million people in *Mauritania*. For Christians, public worship carries a constant threat. Churches must not proselytize Muslims, baptisms must be done in secret, and radical Islam is on the rise. Pray for Christian converts who face intense pressure from government, family, and community. Pray for the problem of slavery and its victims; this heinous reality stems from religious extremism. And pray that God strengthens the church and its leaders.

Announcements

Call to Fasting & Prayer: In June, our 53rd General Assembly approved a call to all Presbyteries of the PCA to appoint a time to observe a day of fasting and prayer for the revival and renewal of the church. The Pacific Northwest Presbytery adopted this Saturday as the day when the 35 churches of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, are encouraged to humble themselves before the Lord, fast and pray, and seek God’s mercy and blessing for themselves and for the church. Would you join us in devoting at least a part of this day to do so?

Church Membership: If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of Covenant, there will be a class on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, at the church, with lunch provided. Please let Pastor Ron or one of the elders know if you plan to attend.

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

This Month’s Potluck is scheduled for next Sunday, following the worship service. Please bring something to share with others and we will thank God for the “fish and loaves” he provides.