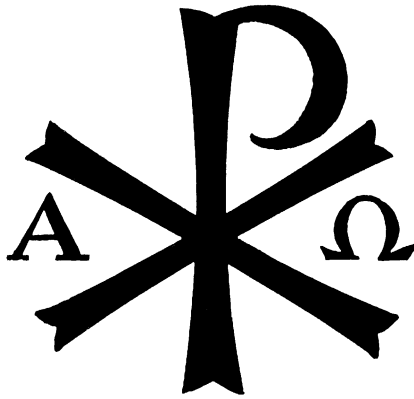


# LORD'S DAY

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## COVENANT

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

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*Upon entering the sanctuary, please be sensitive  
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**

In confidence of Thy goodness and great mercy, O Lord, I draw near unto Thee, as a sick man to the healer, as one hungry and thirsty to the fountain of life, a creature to the Creator, a desolate soul to my own tender Comforter. Behold, in Thee is all whatsoever I can or ought to desire; Thou art my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength. Rejoice therefore the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Amen.

—Thomas a Kempis, AD 1380-1471

### **\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 95.1-7

### **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### **\*Song of Praise to God**

*Hymn No. 23*

*GOD OF GODS, WE SOUND HIS PRAISES*

## **-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-**

### **Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are unable to understand, but which are all known to you. We, therefore, flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

*Silently add your own confession of sin.*

**\*Song of Praise to Christ**

*Hymn No. 166*

*WONDROUS KING, ALL-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' Creed<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Eternal Spirit of God”

John 14.15-31

Rev. Ron Gonzales

### **\*Song of Response**

*Hymn No. 338*

*SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART*

## **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. 642*

*BE THOU MY VISION*

## **-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-**

### **\*Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13.14

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### **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 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 Eternal Spirit of God” (John 14.15-31)**

## **Prayer Concerns**

*Rev. Tom & Melissa Manning's* ministry of helping team leaders through online coaching, counseling, and leadership development continues, as well as discipling younger men and women at Frontier's headquarters, who are preparing to go to the Middle East. Pray for them as they carry out this important work of discipleship.

*The Persecuted Church:* There are 9 million Christians out of 102 million people in *Vietnam*, a Buddhist country where Christians are sometimes imprisoned for their faith and where converts are often victims of violence from their families and communities. Pray for the protection of those who convert to Christianity. And pray for itinerant pastors to help these believers grow in their faith and strengthen the church, especially in the rural areas where the gospel and discipleship are most needed.

*Our Strength & Shield:* David prayed, "The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him" (Ps 28.7). In addition to healing, pray that *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* find strength, protection, and help in the LORD as they look to him this week.

*Trinity Presbyterian (Richland):* Pray for Rev. Andrew Perkins, as he leads the church. Pray that God uses 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**

*Church Potluck:* Join us for a potluck at the church following the worship service next Sunday morning. Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share.

*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.