

Announcements

- ❖ **Fourth of July party at the Salazar's:** Saturday, July 4th, 5:00 pm. Please bring a side item or dessert. Drinks and grilled items are provided. Also bring lawn chairs, baseball gloves, and fireworks.
- ❖ **Summer Meeting Place: Hartley hall through 7/19.**
- ❖ **Prayer Requests:**
Daneen DeMaagd's Father (Don Tippin, chemo), Ruth Ledford (health), Josh Collins (job), Joan Staton (health), **Jonathan Shepherd (CT scan on 19th), Building Committee, Latvia Trip (Mark B. plus team from NC, June 19-28).**
- ❖ **Mission works:** Westmoreland's (RUF, UT-Martin), Steere's (ELI, Africa), Lummi work (MTW, Washington). Chaplin's and Tigrett's (MTW, Latvia and Lithuania), Pohls (MTW, Ecuador).
- ❖ **Men's Bible Study:** Cancelled until 7/15.

The Lord's Service

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 14, 2009



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The Lord's Table

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday in response to the Word of God. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note: The outer ring alone contains grape juice, all others contain wine.**

Next Week's Readings: Exodus.32:1-35, 2 Cor. 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

Heidelberg Catechism #22

Q. What, then, is necessary for a Christian to believe?

A. All that is promised in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

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Preparation for Worship

Psalm 48:1-3, 14

*Call to Worship

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

**People: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth!**

Leader: Within her citadels God has made Himself known as a fortress.

People: This is God, our God, He will guide us forever!

*Invocation

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ, now exalted as Lord of all, pours out His gifts on the church. Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring us, and all creation, to worship before your throne. For you live and reign, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise, No. 122** *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

Call to Confession

2 Corinthians 7:1

Beloved, having great promises, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Triune God of grace, love and communion; we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name, through the righteousness of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:19

God was, in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting our trespasses against us, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

*The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

*The Gloria Patri, No. 735

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Send out your light and your truth, O God, and let them lead us to your holy hill, through Jesus Christ the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 25:1-9, 31:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 22, No. 368

The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

*The Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

Leader: This is the gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Treasure and Talent

Rev. Kevin Chiarot

*Affirmation of Faith p.845 *The Apostles' Creed*

Pastoral Prayer

The Service of the Table

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Communion

Commitment and Commissioning

*Hymn of Departure, No. 335 *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

*Charge and Benediction

*Threefold Amen, No. 740

Postlude

**Congregation standing*

Welcome to Covenant!

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community!

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. www.pcanet.org

Covenant is **catholic**, meaning we adhere to the early creeds of the church concerning the Trinity and the person of Jesus Christ. We are **reformed**, meaning we embrace the Reformation's teaching that Scripture alone is the church's final authority for faith and life and that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, all for the glory of God! Finally, we are **evangelical**, in that we seek to live by the gospel and apply its implications to all of life.

Covenant's **doctrinal standards** are the Westminster Confession of Faith and Shorter and Larger Catechisms. www.opc.org/confessions.html.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet at 11:30.

An unstaffed **nursery** area for the worship service is in the hallway off the back left side (as you face the stage) of the sanctuary.

If you are unfamiliar with our **form of worship**, or have any other concerns, please feel free to speak with Pastor Chiarot.

The Bulletin Front Cover

The Chi-Rho is the oldest known monogram of Jesus Christ. The chi (X) and the rho (P) are the first two letters of the word Christ (Christos) in the Greek language. The "c" on each side of the Chi-Rho allows the rho (P) to do double duty as an English "P," thus yielding cPc, for "Covenant Presbyterian Church." Finally, "Post Tenebras Lux" is a Latin slogan from the 16th Reformation meaning; "After Darkness, Light." The logo expresses our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the 16th century Reformation.

The Intercession of Our High Priest

We tend to think of Christ as a divine being who is far removed from us. But he has become one with us, and he has been tempted, really and truly, just like you and I in every respect, but with one important difference—he did not yield to temptation. He overcame temptation. And so "he is able to help those who are being tempted" (2:18).

Jesus knows the desert, with the stresses and temptations that we are exposed to. He knows it by his own intimate experience. And so Jesus also knows something that some who call themselves Calvinists overlook. He knows that the certainty of our salvation does not cancel out the seriousness of our present situation. He knows that only those who endure to the end are going to be saved (Mt. 24:13). And he knows that enduring to the end is not something that happens automatically. He knows that for us to endure to the end will not happen without prayer. In particular, it will not happen without *his* prayer.

The writer would have us remember this precious truth: our Lord did not die for us and then abandon us. He knows that we need him, and he knows that we need him now. So Jesus is interceding for us. He is praying for us that in the midst of the struggle in which we find ourselves, and as he prays our heavenly Father delights in that prayer, and protects us.

It doesn't matter how complicated, how desperate, perhaps even hopeless your life has become. No matter how overwhelmed you may feel by your problems, if your trust is in Jesus Christ, you can be sure that he is praying for you now and through that prayer he will provide for you the resources to bring you relief or enable you to carry on.

The most important thing that we need to learn about prayer is this: first of all and ultimately, prayer is not something we do but what Jesus does for us.

Dr. Richard Gaffin, Westminster Theological Seminary

