Lord's Day Worship

October 9, 2022 *(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

PRAISE

* Call to Worship	Psalm 95:6-7
* Opening Hymn	I Sing the Mighty Power of God

RENEWAL

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Heavenly Father, we admit that we often live as though we were still dead in our trespasses and sins, and we continue to gratify the desires of our flesh in countless ways. We eat too much, drink too much, spend too much, and indulge in sinful sexual fantasy and practice. We frantically fill ourselves up with pleasures, abusing your good gifts as a way to avoid our great need of you. Father, forgive us. Let your mighty grace drown out the voices of shame and accusation that haunt us, and may the radiant goodness of Jesus in our place be all that we need, until we see you face to face. In his name we pray. (silent prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds, you have been healed.

Thanks be to God!

* Song

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Pastoral Prayer & 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 forgive 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.

Offering

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament	Reading	Genesis 2:20-25
* Song		How Far Our Race Has Fallen
New Testament	Reading	Romans 1:26-32
Sermon "Bad News/Good News"		

COMMITMENT

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (2nd century A.D.) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

- * Closing Song My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness
- * Benediction
- * Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory to God! We All Worship Something

Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. – Romans 1:22-23 (ESV)

In the words of Bob Dylan, "You gotta serve somebody." And it's true – we all worship something. The only question is what.

As Paul says in Romans 1, the whole human race has *exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images.* Few people worship statues anymore, but we all worship idols. Throughout history, humanity's fundamental problem has been that we create false gods from whom we seek false salvation. Rather than worshiping God and looking to him as the source of grace, hope, and love, we take the good things that he has created for our enjoyment and turn them into vain replacements for him.

C.S. Lewis put it this way: "We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." Blaise Pascal, the 17th century French mathematician, said there is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person. No idol can fill that void. Only our Maker can. Whatever heart-lev el substitutes we may rely on, our idols are powerless. They cannot help us.

That why, as John's Gospel says, *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory* (John 1:14a). And the Apostle Paul says, *He [Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God* (Col. 1:15a). The God who made us became tangible and visible in Jesus Christ. He broke through our idolatry and overwhelms our darkness with his light.

You gotta serve somebody today. Let it be the living, loving God who made you, and came in the flesh to redeem you.

Pastor Phil Moran

DD Genesis 2:20-25

Doxology

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING this morning following the service – We will elect members to serve as Ruling Elders and Deacons beginning in January 2023.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY has resumed - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Taught by Pastor Phil, this is a 30 minute Bible study will focus on the Gospel of Luke. PLEASE NOTE: even if you were a part of the Zoom study in the past you need to sign up for the study this fall.

CPW LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15: Butterfly Prayer, hosted by the Saturday Morning Bible Study Group. Please bring a salad to share. Sign-up at the Information Table. If you have any questions, contact Paula Tomkin (208-860-4928) or Karen Hintz (<u>karenhintzka@yahoo.com</u>).

PRAYER AND PRAISE – October 16, 6:00PM at the Ministry Center, 10280 W. Ustick Rd. Please join us for a refreshing time of prayer and praise. All are welcome!

ANNUAL REFORMATION BOISE CONFERENCE: "O Church Arise!" – Oct. 21 & 22 at Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene in Meridian. Speakers Dr. Derek Thomas & Dr. Joel Beeke. Details at <u>www.reformationboise.com</u>.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GREENBELT RIDE, OCTOBER 18 - Bring your bike to the Glenwood Bridge parking lot at 11AM for a 2.5-mile ride to Veterans. This is a BYOS event (Bring Your Own Snacks – water bottle, energy bar, etc.). Sign up at the Information Table or contact Jim Vale (208-890-3001).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WAR HAWK MUSEUM TOUR on Tuesday, November 1 at 10:00AM. Henry Parker will be leading the event. Sign up at the Information Table for this free activity. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Meet at the church office at 8:45AM to carpool to the museum. **2023 PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY:** It's time to update our church directory. If any of your contact data has changed since the last directory, please make the necessary corrections in the binder at the Information Table or by contacting the church office by email.

LOST AND FOUND – An antique plate was brought to our Sept. 10 potluck but has gone missing. It was a small, shallow, pink-coral dish. If you know its whereabouts, please contact Ronnie Gillespie (she's in the directory).

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONSOLATION: Pray for Janet Weybright and her family as they mourn the loss of Doris Weybright who passed away on Thursday, October 6.

HEALING: Bob Yearsley, Dave Abel, Casey Rayburn, Ron Kappel, Ruthy Rayburn, Charles Coon, Jim Perkins, Josh, Diania. Pray for Jim & Laura Shaffer for wisdom in dealing with family health issues.

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Pray this week for Evangelical Valley Presbyterian Church of Hazelton, Idaho and their pastor Jim Day.



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything." Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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