

| PRAYER & MEDITATION |

“And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”

— 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 —

| CALL TO WORSHIP* | Psalm 117:1-2

“Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!”

| HYMN OF PRAISE* | Hymnal #207
“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

| PRAYER OF PRAISE* |

| READING OF GOD’S LAW | 2 Timothy 1:8

MINISTER: Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.

MINISTER: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

| CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN |

ALL: **Gracious and Loving Father, you have entrusted us with the good deposit of the gospel through which we are saved from our sins. You have given us a holy calling to proclaim the redeeming power of Your Son. Yet, we have failed to be good stewards of the truth and have shrunk back from declaring it to this world. We have lacked the courage to share Jesus Christ for fear of opposition and rejection. Forgive us, Lord, and make us ready to share in suffering with Christ as his servants, knowing that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. We ask this for the sake of the glory of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

| SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN |

| PROMISE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS | 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

*Congregation stands if able

| HYMN OF TRUST* | Hymnal #461
“Not What My Hands Have Done”

| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* | WSC Q27

MINISTER: Wherein did Christ’s humiliation consist?

ALL: **Christ’s humiliation consisted in His being born and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of the death for a time.**

| PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER* |

PEOPLE: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

| PSALM OF MEDITATION* | Psalm 63
tune: “How Sweet and Awesome is the Place”

God, Thee, my God, I’ll early seek; my soul’s athirst for Thee.

On dry land, weary, waterless, my flesh has longed for Thee. Thus have I looked for Thee before within Thy holy place That there I might behold Thy strength and glory of Thy face.

Because Thy grace is more than life my lips Thee praise shall give;
I in Thy name will lift my hands and bless Thee while I live.
My soul with rich, abundant food shall be well satisfied;
With shouts of joy upon my lips my mouth shall praise provide.

And when I turn my thought to Thee upon my bed at night,
As watches pass I meditate on Thee with great delight.
Thou art my help; I sing for joy in shadow of Thy wings.
For Thy right hand has held me fast; to Thee my spirit clings.

But they go down to depths of earth, who would my soul destroy
They are delivered to the sword for jackals to enjoy.
The king shall then rejoice in God and all that by him swear;
For stopped shall be the mouths of those who do a lie declare.

| OFFERING |

| SCRIPTURE READING* | Colossians 1:24-2:5

MINISTER: The grass withers, the flower fades,

PEOPLE: **But the word of our God will stand forever.**

| SERMON | Rev. Seth Miller

“The Christian Servant”

| HYMN OF RESPONSE* | Hymnal #585
“Take My Life, and Let it Be”

| THE LORD’S SUPPER |

*You will be released to receive the elements at the front of the room.
Wine is dark in color and grape juice is light in color.*

| A WORD TO PARENTS | *Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession and have been received as communing members by the elders of the church to which their parents belong.*

| HYMN OF THANKS* | Hymnal #731
“Doxology”

| BENEDICTION* | 2 Corinthians 13:14

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

| ANNOUNCEMENTS |

We appreciate your help in gathering any nearby communion cups and bulletins and disposing of them in the receptacles as you leave.

| NEXT SUNDAY'S LOCATION | Due to building availability, we will meet for our morning service next week, Dec. 17th, at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Post Falls at 3297 E Poleline Ave.

| COOKIE SWAP | All the ladies in the church are invited to a holiday cookie swap this upcoming Wednesday, Dec. 13th at the Millers' house (752 E Spokane Ave., CDA). You are welcome to bring your favorite cookie - beverages will be provided!

| CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | Brent Harken, on behalf of Spokane Classical Christian School, invites all of you to celebrate with them at their Christmas program, taking place on December 14th at 6:30pm. SCCS is located in Fourth Memorial Church in Spokane, at 200 N Standard St.

| NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMONS |

Rev. Seth Miller will be preaching on Colossians 2:6-15 in the morning, and due to building availability we will not meet for our evening service.

| EVENING WORSHIP |

Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-2

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Holy, Holy, Holy" #100

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PSALM OF THANKS: Psalm 92, "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

READING THE CATECHISM: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q5

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 5

HYMN OF MEDITATION: "Silent Night! Holy Night" #210

SCRIPTURE READING: Malachi 2:1-9

SERMON: "Trouble in the Pulpit" (Rev. Seth Miller)

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #200

BENEDICTION: Jude 24-25

| SERMON NOTES |

"The Christian Servant"
— Colossians 1:24-2:5 —

I. SUFFERING FOR THE SAKE OF THE BODY

II. STEWARDING THE MYSTERIES OF GOD

III. STRUGGLING ON BEHALF OF THE BODY

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| THE LORD'S DAY |

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