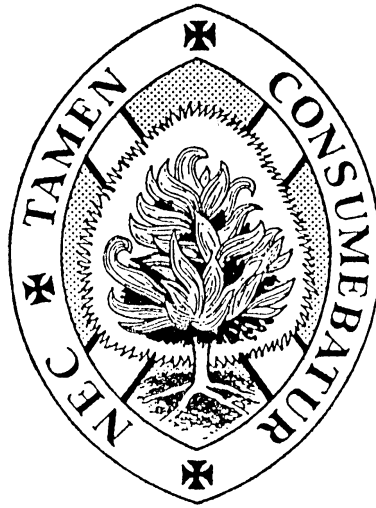


THE LORD'S DAY

October 18, 2026

8:15 am and 11:00 am Worship Services



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Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.

**Congregation standing*

+The congregation is invited to kneel.

Prelude

Rhosymedre ("Lovely").....arr. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Welcome and Announcements

+Silent Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise to God

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

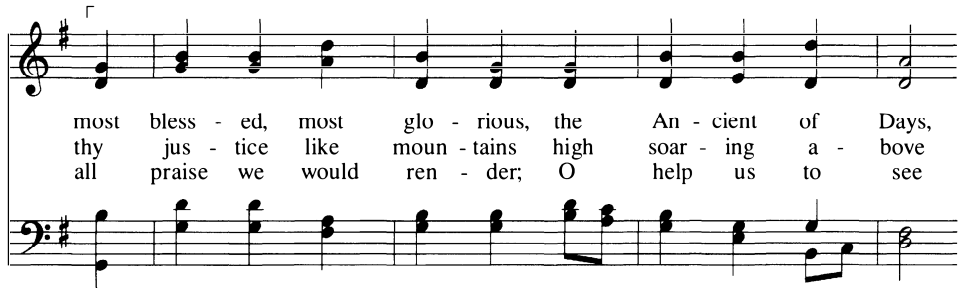
No. 38



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

+Confession of Sin

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer

Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward others. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

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

*Hymn

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Charitie Lees Bancroft

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea;
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me of my guilt with - in,
3. Be - hold Him there the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect spot - less, Right - eous - ness.



A great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me.
Up - ward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
The great un - change - a - ble I Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace.



My name is grav - en on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart.
Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free.
One with Him - self, I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood.



I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
For God the just is sat - is - fied. To look on
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God; with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

THE LORD CONVERSES WITH US

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

“Appalachia Waltz”Mark O'Connor

Procedure

- If you are new with us this morning, we would love to have a record of your visit and would appreciate it if you would fill out one of the little white visitor cards in the pew rack in front of you, and place that - and only that - in the offering plate as it is passed.
- Members and adherents can give by placing checks or cash in the plate. Envelopes can be used to designate ministries or, when giving cash, for contribution records.
- For online giving, text “faithtacoma” to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) for a link to our online giving portal, or visit faithtacoma.org/give.

*Doxology

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Louis Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*, 1551
OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.

Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise Him a bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

***Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.*

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 23:21-23 (ESV)

²¹“If you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin. ²²But if you refrain from vowing, you will not be guilty of sin. ²³You shall be careful to do what has passed your lips, for you have voluntarily vowed to the Lord your God what you have promised with your mouth.

Sermon

“Faithfulness & Vows”

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Procedure

- The order will generally be the balcony, and then the main floor starting in the back.
- There will be two lines, with congregants entering via the inside aisle and returning to their seats via the outside aisles.
- There are two options for bread: regular bread on the plate or packaged gluten free bread marked "GF" in the basket. There are two options for the cup: wine in colored cups or juice in clear cups.
- The mobility impaired will be served in their seats after the line ends. Please be sure to alert one of the servers if you have that need.
- You are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers. If this does not describe you, the pastors or elders would love to talk to you further about this after the service. Please introduce yourself to one of them. We are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during the time of the Lord's Supper.

Lord Jesus, help me to see that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but that 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 me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, help me now to trust in you as my Savior and my King. Amen.

As our covenant children are able to express their faith in Jesus Christ, we want to encourage them to seek admission to the Lord's Table (Book of Church Order 57-1). Our denominational constitution requires that baptized children be able to articulate a credible, age-appropriate confession of faith to the elders in order to be admitted to the Table. If you have a child who would like to begin taking the Lord's Supper, please reach out to the pastors, elders, or the church office to schedule a time when you and your child can meet with a couple of our elders.

Verily, verily I say unto you:
Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man,
And drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood
Hath eternal life.
And I will raise him up at the last day.
For my flesh is meat indeed,
And my blood is drink indeed.
He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood
Dwelleth in me and I in him.

John 6:53/Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 32

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -
 vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

*Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 94

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

***The Charge**

***The Benediction**

+Silent Prayer

Direct us, O Lord, in all our ways and by your mercy and power protect us in our most holy faith; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;
Before the Throne my Surety stands.
My name is written on His Hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me;
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father," Abba, Father," cry.
Arise, my soul, arise!

Text Charles Wesley, music Dan Forrest

Postlude

Praeludium No. 8 in B-flat, BWV 560

DUTIES & VOLUNTEERS

This Week, October 18, 2026

Welcome & Announcement Elders

Paul Darby	8:15 am
Steve O'Ban	11:00 am

Deacons Benevolence

Jonathan Nichols & Ken Kvale	8:15 am
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Congregational Petitions Leaders

Brien Downie	8:15 am
Wyatt McMillan	11:00 am

Nursery Schedule

Farnoush Katouzian & Ali Nicholes/Marce Nance	8:15 am
Arrika Rayburn & Ranee Clapp	11:00 am

Coffee/Tea Hosts

Jennifer Sullivan	8:15 am
Ali Nichols	11:00 am

Building Monitors

Hans Kvale/Caleb Bestvater	11:00 am
Chad Isenberger	6:00 pm

Next Week, October 25, 2026

Welcome & Announcement Elders

Peter Chiou	8:15 am
Paul Darby	11:00 am

Deacons Benevolence

Ken Kvale & Brandon Welch	8:15 am
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Congregational Petitions Leaders

Mike Funches	8:15 am
Dennis Webb	11:00 am

Nursery Schedule

Farnoush Katouzian & Marcia Brodersen	8:15 am
Rachel Kvale & Kathy Lewis	11:00 am

Coffee/Tea Hosts

Jennifer Sullivan	8:15 am
Ali Nichols	11:00 am

Building Monitors

Chad Isenberger/John Michael Kvale	11:00 am
Doug Lawty	6:00 pm

TODAY

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Morning Worship	8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45 am – 10:45 am
Choir Rehearsal	4:45 pm – 5:45 pm
Evening Worship	6:00pm

Children's Sunday School

A Sunday School map with class information and locations is available on the website (faithtacoma.org/Sunday-School) and on the bureau in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.

Adult Sunday School Class

This Sunday, Ryan Gross will continue his series: "Thanksgiving, Not Just a National Holiday But an Essential Component of Prayer."

We live in anxious times and often hear public and private commentators state some version of "this or that thing has NEVER been worse." It is true, we may easily point to many "things" that have never been worse than they are today, and we must not ignore those sad and often tragic realities.

But it is at least equally true that we may identify other "things" that have never been better than they are right now, and the Bible commands us to focus our thoughts there: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

Such thoughts ought to produce hearts fuller of thanksgiving, and prayer and praise for our God who does all things well. Prayer and praise, with thanksgiving, is necessary for every Christian. The Apostle Paul commends it, and commands it, as the remedy for our anxieties.

For the next few weeks in this season of Thanksgiving we will highlight a few areas of our lives where things have never been better and where we should rejoice over what our good and gracious God has done, and is doing, for us. And we will trust that such considerations will encourage us to think of many other examples, and renew our worship and praise and prayer in coming days.

Women's Ministry of Faith Sunday School Class

The women's Sunday School class will be discussing how to look at cultural issues as a Christian. We'll be discussing homosexuality, transgenderism, evolution, overpopulation, and more. Join us in the Fellowship House and add your thoughts and insights.

Music

Thank you to Nico Roberts and Ben Mellott for playing during our services this morning.

This Evening

This evening, we will have the privilege of hearing from Mr. Brendan Connally and his wife Dr. Erin Connally, both of whom are graduates of Covenant High School. Dr. Connally will be giving an update on their life and work in Peru, where she operates a mobile dental clinic serving the Quechua people of the Cusco area in Peru, and where Mr. Connally serves as director of SIM Peru. Then, Mr. Connally will preach "Crossing Boundaries to Humbly Proclaim God's Truth" from Acts 17:16-34.

CALENDAR

October 19 – October 25

For details please check the announcements below or the website.

You may contact the church office with questions: office@faithtacoma.org

Monday, October 19

- Better English on 6th 6:50 pm – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, October 20

- Women's Morning Bible Study, Fellowship House 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
- Young Professionals, Fellowship House 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday, October 21

- Mother's Encouragement Group, Fellowship House 9:30am – 12:00 pm
- Prayer Meeting, Old Narthex 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- "The wheels of all machinery for extending the Gospel are oiled by prayer." -J. C. Ryle*
- Choristers Rehearsal, Choir Room 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Junior & Senior High Youth Groups, DeSoto Hall 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, October 22

- Men's Prayer & Bible Reading, Conference Room 6:30 am – 7:30 am
- PB&J Ministry, DeSoto Hall 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Saturday, October 24

- Harvest Party, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday, October 25

- Morning Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am
- Sunday School 9:45 am – 10:45 am
- Choir Rehearsal 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

- Men's Night of Prayer, October 30
- Baby Shower for Abby Jorgensen, November 3
- Baby Shower for Danis Devoe, November 12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Showers!

We have two upcoming baby showers scheduled and opportunities for us Faith Ladies (and girls!) to bond and be a blessing in our church family.

The first shower will be for Abby Jorgensen on Tuesday, November 3rd beginning at 7pm in DeSoto Hall. If you would like to contribute to the group gift, there is a box in the narthex and checks can be made out to Emily Downie. If you would like to purchase something from her registry, the QR code is below.



The second shower is for Danis Devoe on Thursday, November 12th in the Fellowship House. Group gift checks can be made out to Jami Johnsen and placed in the designated box in the Narthex. There is also a registry link available with the QR code below.



Please come be a part of this special season of celebrating the Lord blessing our church with these new covenant babies!

HARVEST PARTY

Get ready for a fantastic night of fun games, creative costumes, good food, and lots of laughter with family and friends at our annual Harvest Party is this Saturday, October 24 from 5-8pm! As always, we'll have group and individual awards for costumes, and the Chili Cook-Off will be back as well.

Sign ups to host a booth, contribute food, or help with set up and clean up are in the foyer. The more, the merrier! Reach out to Heidi Bone with any questions.

POSTPONED - WMF Tradesies

With such a full calendar over the past several weeks, we've decided to postpone the Tradesies clothing swap until later in the season. So save those swap items and we will share the new date as soon as we have it confirmed!

-WMF Team

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study will start up again this Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm in the fellowship house. We will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday and finish the three remaining lessons in Joshua by Jen Wilkin on November 17.

On January 5, we will begin a new study: Abide: A Study of 1, 2, and 3 John by Jen Wilkin.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Better English

Better English on Monday evenings is in session! You really ought to consider joining us either Monday nights (6:50 pm to 8:30 pm) or during the Sunday School hour (room 301). You will love it!

Reasons to try out Better English on Sixth this year:

1. Easy and fun
2. Love your neighbor
3. No commitment necessary

No training needed. Be blessed by blessing our international friends!

If you are interested, please speak with Kathy Lewis or Jonathan Nichols, or simply come upstairs to Room 301 and give it a try. We think you'll love it!

PB&J Ministry

We are making sandwiches here at Faith each week on Thursday at 9:00 am - 10:30 am in DeSoto Hall for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Please join us if you are able!

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are seeking additional volunteers to help care for the children in our nursery during the services. This is one way in which we can keep our baptismal vows and also help provide young mothers with the ability to attend worship. If you are willing to help, please contact Farnoush Katouzian, our Nursery Supervisor. We hope to have enough volunteers that each volunteer would only serve a few times per year.

Tacoma Rescue Mission Meal Service

We serve a meal at the Tacoma Rescue Mission on the second Saturday of each month. Look for a bulletin announcement with details two weeks ahead of our turn to serve in the following month. If you are hoping to help us serve, please contact Sandy Milton, as you will need to complete a little paperwork a few days prior to your first time serving at the Mission.

Paid Nursery Attendant Position Available

The church is looking to hire nursery attendants to minister to our covenant children during both the 8:15 am and 11:00 am services. Applicants should be at least 18 years old, have experience with childcare, be able to follow safety and security policies and procedures, and should be regularly attending the alternate morning service. (We do not wish for this position to hinder someone from regular Sunday morning worship!) Please contact the church office if you are interested in applying.

WEEKLY ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Women's Ministry of Faith Tuesday Morning Bible Study

On Tuesday mornings the women's Bible Study is discussing Isaiah, using Kathleen Buswell Nielson's book *Isaiah: The Lord Saves*. From the Foreword, "Isaiah is quoted in the New Testament more than any other book in the Old Testament. ... Through Isaiah's prophecy, God's people were given a just sentence for their failings, comfort for their sins, and a reason for their hope. In short, Isaiah presents us with a God who keeps all his promises—including the good news of rebuilding a people for relationship with him by sending us his promised Son."

Please join us in the Fellowship House on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am.

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Young Professionals

If you are a young professional and are single, dating, or married (without kids) we would like to invite you to join us! We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for dinner and discussions on topics relevant to Christian professionals. We also host events like hikes, BBQs, and bowling nights. Stay updated on upcoming events by contacting Nathaniel Gutierrez to get in the loop!

Mother's Encouragement Group

The Mothers' Encouragement Group (MEG) meets every other week on Wednesdays at the Fellowship House from 9:30 am-12 pm. Come enjoy a morning of fellowship, discussion, prayer, and snacks with other mothers of young children. Join us as we do life together as sisters in Christ. Childcare is provided on site.

The dates for the 2026-27 school year are: Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 16, Jan 6, Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 17, Apr 7, Apr 21, May 5, May 19. If you have any questions, please see Rachel Nicoletti.

Men's Prayer & Bible Reading

We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 am in the Conference Room. We are currently reading in the New Testament. Please join us as we read and pray for each other and the world.

Small Groups

Looking to build Christian community and develop deeper friendships with other families of our church? Our small group ministry seeks to meet this need through hospitality, sermon discussion, and prayer for one another. Please check out our website for a description of this ministry, and to contact Pastor White to get connected to a group!



Seniors' Munch & Mingle

All seniors 75+ are invited to fellowship, encourage, and have some fun together every second Wednesday of the month from 10:00am – 11:30 am! We will meet at Cogir at the Narrows, just a short hop from church! This time is for men and women and is always an uplifting time. There will be snacks and coffee or tea served. Come on out and meet a most fun group in the church! Contact Jennifer Sullivan with questions or if you need ride arrangements. Those dates for this year are: 10/14, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, and 6/9.

Faith Presbyterian Church
General Fund Summary
September 30, 2026

	MTD 2026 Budget	MTD 2026 Actual	YTD 2026 Budget	YTD 2026 Actual
Income				
Undesignated Offerings	116,646	106,474	1,049,810	978,187
Chr. Ed. Income	0	390	0	1,750
Event/Activity Income	0	1,045	0	26,914
Other Income	2,125	1,963	19,125	14,391
Total Income	118,771	109,872	1,068,935	1,021,241
Expenses				
Compensation	64,521	60,122	580,691	518,407
Operating expenses*	30,175	32,085	271,573	348,118
Ministries & Activities	5,933	7,207	53,396	71,217
Budgeted Benevolences**	18,142	22,482	163,275	164,751
Total Expenses	118,771	121,896	1,068,935	1,102,493
Income over Expense	0	-12,025	0	<u>-81,252</u>

*includes principal reduction for house loans

**includes Budgeted Benevolence, Contingency, and Christian Ed; the difference between budget and actual expense is due to Contingency and Christian Ed spending, and the discontinuation of support for missionaries who are no longer in the field.

EXPERIENCE COVENANT



Preview Days



October 16, October 23,
& October 30

Prospective students are warmly welcomed to this year's Preview Days!

Current 8th grade students have the opportunity to attend classes, meet faculty, and engage as a member of the Covenant student body for a day!

Limited Preview spots are available. Reserve your place today by scanning the QR code or contacting:

Malisa Munoz
Admissions Director
Covenant High School
Email: mmunoz@chstacoma.org
Phone: 253-759-9570

On the Cover: Since the time of the Reformation, the burning bush has been a symbol of the Church. The Latin words are taken from Exodus 3:2 and read "...and yet it was not consumed." In one of his letters Samuel Rutherford reminds his correspondent, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."