

November 1, 2026

WELCOME
to
COVENANT
presbyterian church

By the grace of the Triune God, Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to form and send disciples with passion for God and compassion for people.

WELCOME GUEST

We are so glad you are here!
Please visit our Welcome Desk for any questions or if you need any assistance.

Scan our virtual Connection Card or fill out a physical copy in the pew and place it in the offering plate

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For Children

Children's Bulletin & Sensory Activity avalible at Welcome Desk

Nursery – Age 0-4 (Lower Level)

Wiggle Room – The Mare Room (Main Floor) offers a livestream of the service

Children's Worship (8:30) – Following the Offering (Lower Level)

Hearing Assist: Sanitized devices are available from our ushers.
Large Print version of the bulletin is available in the narthex.

MORNING WORSHIP

Reflection

The only wisdom we can hope to acquire
Is the wisdom of humility: humility is endless.

❧ *T. S. Elliot*

Greeting

As we enter into worship, please silence your cell phones.

Children's Choral Introit • *Jesus Strong and Kind*

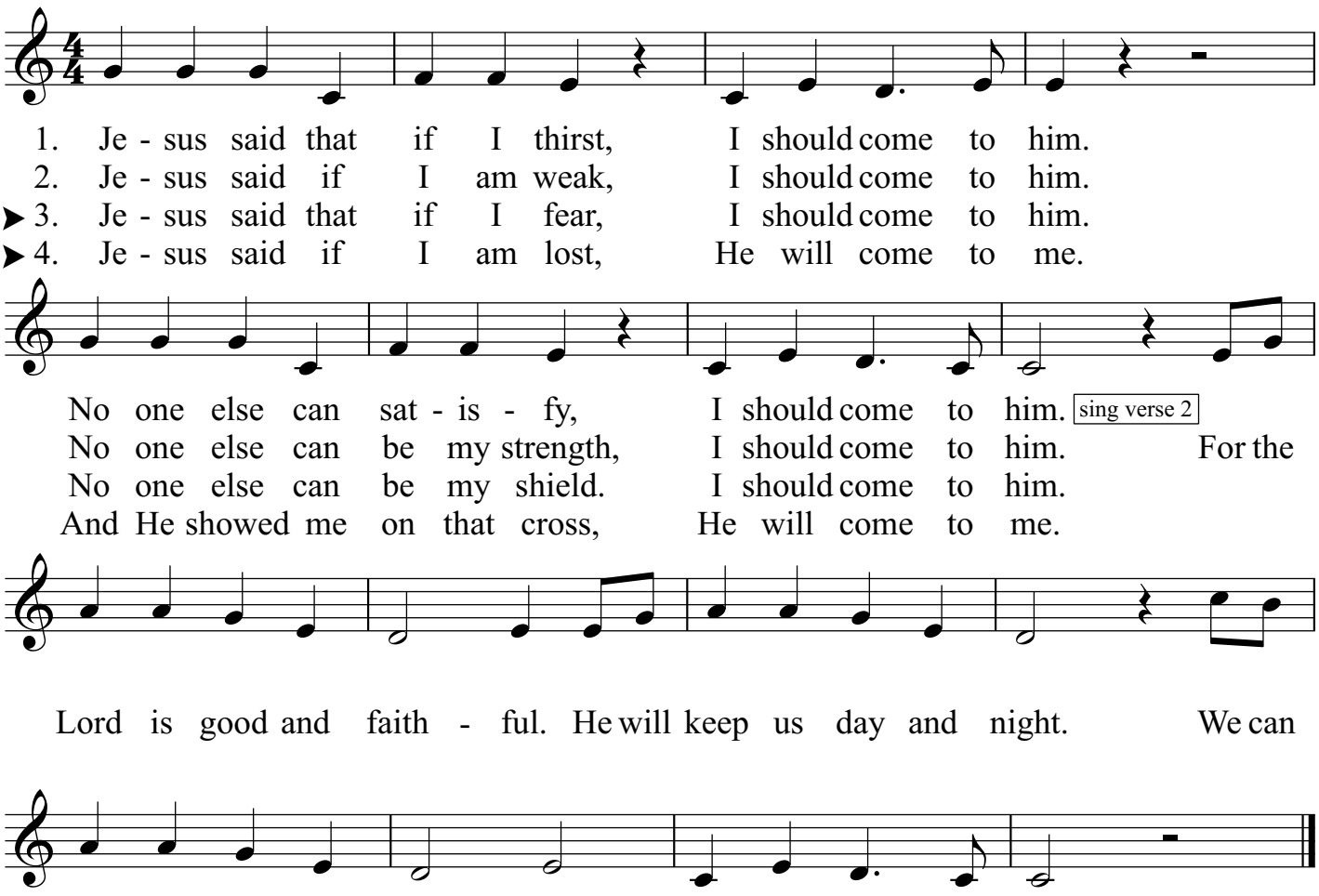
CHILDREN'S CHOIR: *Jesus said that if I thirst*
I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to Him

Jesus said, if I am weak
I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to Him

(CHORUS) *For the Lord is good and faithful*
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind

Sung Call to Worship • *Jesus Strong and Kind* (vv.3-4)

God, through his Word, calls us to worship Him.



In response to God calling us into worship, we sing praises to Him.

Hymn of Adoration • *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #457



Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Invocation

We pray to God to bless and guide our worship.

Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

We join ourselves to Christians across time and space by confessing what we believe.

ALL: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,**
Maker of heaven and earth.

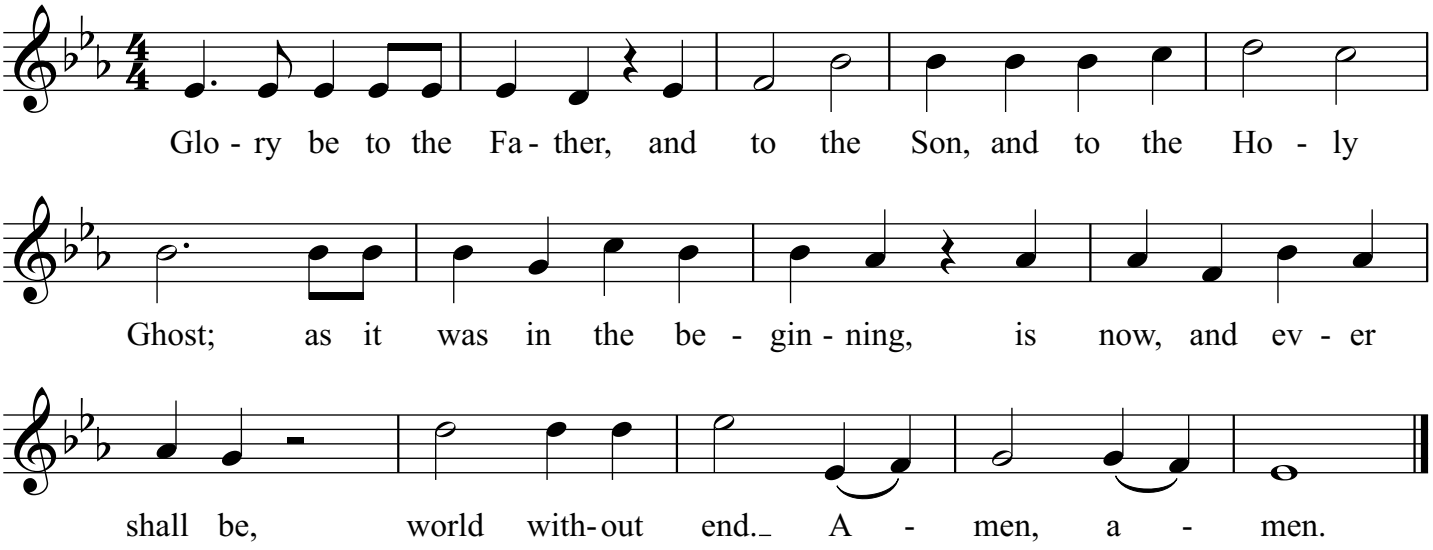
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell*.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

* to 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.

** universal

Gloria Patri #735



2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

We boldly confess our disobedience to God because he is faithful and just.

Corporate Confession of Sin • from 1 Corinthians 3 & Psalm 130

ALL: **O Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you.**
We are quick to go beyond
what is written in your Word.
We are puffed up with pride.
We search out countless guides
but fail to imitate Christ.
We are full of talk but of little action and power.
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

Silent Confession

We hear of the forgiveness we have in Jesus and respond with grateful hearts.

Assurance of Pardon • from 1 Thessalonians 1

PASTOR: *Brothers and sisters loved by God, he has chosen you. You have turned from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn of Assurance • *His Mercy Is More*



We hear and read from God's word throughout our service.

Scripture Reading • 1 Chronicles 29:10–18 p.357

David Creel

PASTOR: *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL: Thanks be to God!

We pray for God's church and the world and then together pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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.

Please take a moment to sign the brown attendance pad.

We cheerfully give back to God because of all he has given us.

Offertory • *Be Thou My Vision*

<u>Children's Worship (8:30am service only)</u>
Children are always welcome in the service! However, kids ages 4 through 1st grade are invited to Children's Worship downstairs in Room 13. A leader will gather them in the Narthex during the final verse of the next hymn and bring them back up to the narthex before Communion.

Hymn of Preparation • *For All The Saints* (vv.1-3,6)



4. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, alleluia. Allelu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way, alleluia. Allelu.

▶ 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading • 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

1 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries
of God. 2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 3 But with me
it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I
do not even judge myself. 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not
thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment
before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in
darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his
commendation from God.

6 I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that
you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed
up in favor of one against another. 7 For who sees anything different in you? What do
you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did
not receive it?

8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have
become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you!
9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to
death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. 10 We are
fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You
are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we
are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, 12 and we labor, working with our own
hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we
entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all
things.

14 I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my
beloved children. 15 For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have
many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 16 I urge you,
then, be imitators of me. 17 That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful
child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in
every church. 18 Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will
come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant
people but their power. 20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.
21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of
gentleness?

Sermon • What Should the Christian Life Look Like?

1 Corinthians 4:1-21
pp.953-954
Rev. Noah Wiersema

God's word is held out to us so that we might better know, love, and serve God.

1. Judge or Servant?

2. King or Convict?

3. Arrogant or Child-like?

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We are raised up to feast with our Lord.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

See pg. 27 for Communion Instructions

Communion Hymn • *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

ALL: On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound *(women echo)*
I am bound *(women echo)*
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.
[men] I am bound *(women echo)*
I am bound *(women echo)*
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound *(women echo)*
I am bound *(women echo)*
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.
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When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

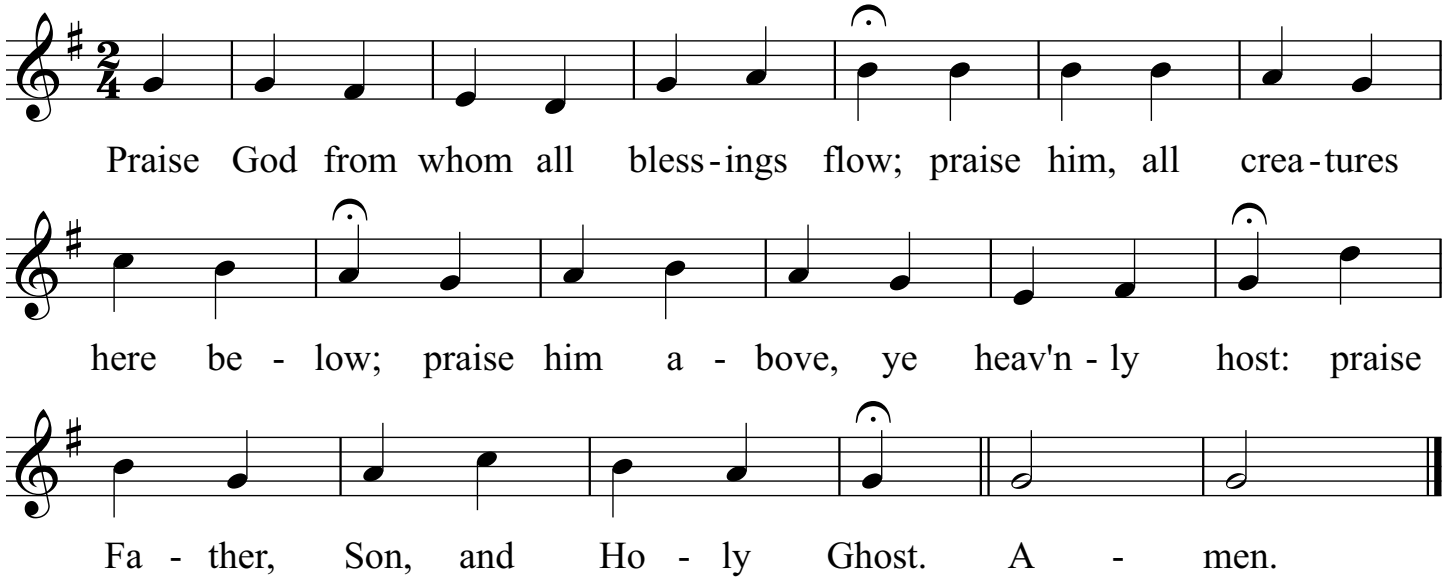
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Benediction

We are sent out with God's blessing.

Doxology

#731



Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551

The Peace of Christ

We are reminded of the peace we have in Jesus and we share that peace with one another.

PASTOR: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Postlude

A few Elders will remain in the front of the sanctuary for those what have need of prayer

Musicians – James Marsh, Piano: Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals; Mary Hathaway, Vocals;
Paul Schultz, Cajon & Cello; Kuyper Brandt, Guitar

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For God so loved the world that
He gave His only begotten Son
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.

❧ John 3:16

EVENING WORSHIP

If you would like to give your tithe this evening,
please place it in the wooden offering box located in the narthex before or after the service.

Reflection

For he finds fault with them when he says:

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah

❧ *Hebrews 8:8*

Prelude

God, through his Word, calls us to worship Him

Call to Worship • from Joel 2

LEADER: *Fear not, O land;*
be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!
Be glad, O children of Zion,
and rejoice in the LORD your God.

ALL: **We shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,**
and praise the name of the LORD our God,
who has dealt wondrously with us.

Hymn of Adoration • *This is My Father's World* #111

Opening Prayer

We pray to God to bless and guide our worship.

Catechism Question • Heidelberg Lord's Day 48

We join ourselves to Christians across time and space by confessing what we believe.

LEADER: *What does the second petition mean?*

ALL: **"Your kingdom come" means:**

Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you.

Preserve your church and make it grow.

Destroy the devil's work;
destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word.

Do this until your kingdom fully comes,
when you will be all in all.

Hymn of Praise • *The Goodness Of The Lord*



We take time to pray for one another.

Prayer Requests

Hymn of Preparation • *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* #353

Scripture Reading • Ezekiel 36:22-36

22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake,
O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you
have profaned among the nations to which you came. 23 And I will vindicate the holiness
of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have
profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord
GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. 24 I will take you from
the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. 25 I
will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and
from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit
I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a
heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my
statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your
fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 And I will deliver you
from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay
no famine upon you. 30 I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field
abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations.
31 Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you
will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. 32 It is not for your sake
that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and
confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

33 "Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I
will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. 34 And the land
that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of
all who passed by. 35 And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the
garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and
inhabited.' 36 Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the
LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the
LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

God's word is held out to us so that we might better know, love, and serve God.

Sermon • Baptism: The Prophets and the New Covenant

Ezekiel 36:22-36, p.724

Dr. Jack Collins
Professor Emeritus of Old Testament
Covenant Theological Seminary

1. What problem do these prophecies speak about?

2. What is God's solution?

3. When will this all happen?

4. What does this tell us about baptism?

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Hymn of Response • *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* #401

Benediction

We are sent out with God's blessing.

Postlude

Musicians – Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School classes are a great chance to learn, grow, and connect with others in a smaller setting outside of the worship service. We explore a variety of topics together with the hope of growing in our understanding and love for the triune God. Because these classes are smaller, there are often opportunities for questions, conversation, and good discussion.

Adult 10:00am

Science and Faith: Fight, Flight, or Friendship | Room 103 | led by Jack Collins

How can we Christians live faithfully in a world that asks us to choose whether the sciences are from God or replace God?

Amusing and Scrolling Ourselves to Death | Room 105 | led by Matt Brandt

In this class, we'll explore the insights of Amusing Ourselves to Death and Scrolling Ourselves to Death to examine how media forms public discourse, attention, faith, and identity; perfect for anyone who feels distracted, overwhelmed, or curious about how technology shapes our culture.

How to talk about Jesus without being THAT guy | Room 108 | led by Will Nabholz

This class is meant to introduce us to the current state of evangelism and how we may learn to best engage with a post-Christian society to win our friends to Christ.

Navigating Faith & Film | Room 104 | led by Chris Smith

We'll take a look at the medium of film and how to engage it faithfully as believers.

Book of Acts | Room 107 | led by Dick Tiburzi

Join us for a Bible study through the book of Acts

Youth 9:45am

Knowing God's Truth | Jr. High | led by Stephanie Valentine & Jon McCluskey | Youth House
Christian Ethics | Sr. High | led by Josh Fikkert and Tara McGuire | Youth House

Children 9:45am

- **Nursery - 5th graders; on the lower level**
- **2 - 3 year olds - Nursery (Room 17)**
- **4 year olds - Kindergarten (Room 15)**
- **1st–3rd graders in the Heartland Room (Room 12)**
- **4th/5th Roots - Room 5 (lower level) | led by Abigail Nabholz and Evan Kvale**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why a Pelican?

The pelican is one of the most ancient symbols of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. Often referred to as "the pelican in her piety," it offers a vivid picture of how Christ's death brings us life: according to legend, a mother pelican would pluck her breast to feed her young with her blood during a time of famine. As a church, Christ's sacrificial grace is not only front-and-center in our sanctuary but, more importantly, in our lives. The image of the pelican serves as a frequent reminder of how we are formed by Christ's love and sent out into the world to live for him.

Why Robes?

The Pastors wear robes here at Covenant because we believe it helps us focus less on the individual person and more on the Word of God that is being preached. Not only do robes have historic precedent, communicate authority, and become something more timeless than a suit or more casual clothing, they can also be very plain and are simply the "uniform" for pastors.

Why an evening service?

While not required by Scripture, over the centuries there has been a long tradition of morning and evening worship as a way to bookend the Lord's Day with worship. It's an opportunity to be even more formed by the grace of God in Christian worship with God's people. We teach on a wide variety of topics that differ from the morning series, as well as spend time in prayer for one another. In sum, while we don't have to do this, we want to. Please come join us sometime and see why.

How do you do communion?

Here at Covenant, we come forward to receive the bread and cup and then return to our seats where we all partake together. Wait for an usher to dismiss your row and then you can walk forward. **Gluten-free bread** is located on the communion table at the front of the sanctuary and **grape juice** is in the clear cups, while **wine** is in the tinted cups. **Children and students not taking communion** are still welcome to come forward, the Pastor or Elder serving the cup would love to offer a short prayer of blessing as you pass by. Parents, **if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table**, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.

Preaching Schedule

November 8
Morning: 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
Evening: Baptism: The Gospels

November 15
Morning: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8
Evening: Baptism: Acts

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Hospitality & Fellowship - Julie Bauer, Sarah Theus, Amanda Moore
Service & Compassion - Mary Reed, Debbie Jacobs, Erin Figueira
Discipleship - Lydia Seibert

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to form and send disciples with passion for God and compassion for people.

Statement of Faith

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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