



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 3, 2026

To our guests,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace. If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

In Christ,
Pastor Noah Wiersema

Thank you for visiting with us!

Get Connected!

Want to plug into the life of Covenant? Scan the QR code to fill out our **Connection Card**, and our team will be in touch to help you get connected!



 **Hearing Assist:** Sanitized devices are available from our ushers.

Large Print version of the bulletin is available in the narthex.



Why a pelican?

Carved into the front of our pulpit is one of the most ancient symbols of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. Often referred to as "the pelican in her piety," this symbol offers a vivid picture of how Christ's death brings us life: according to legend, a mother pelican will pluck her breast to feed her young with her blood during a time of famine. As a church, Christ's stunning 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 that we are deeply rooted in Christ so that we might reach out with Christ.

For Children:

Junior Bulletin: We love having our children participate with us in worship! Each week, we provide a children's version of our bulletin that can be found in the narthex.

Nursery: The nursery (for children birth to 4 years old) is located on the Lower Level at the north end of the building. If you need help locating it, please feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

Wiggle Room: If you need to step out of the Sanctuary with your child, the Mare Room offers a closed circuit feed of the worship service along with a few toys. Our ushers would be happy to direct you.

Children's Worship (available only at the 8:30 service): A worship training time for children ages four through first grade is offered during the sermon. Children begin worship in the sanctuary and will be dismissed at the appropriate time. Parents should pick up their children in Room 13 on the Lower Level after the service.

MORNING WORSHIP

Reflection

*For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.*

☛ Habakkuk 2:3

Greeting

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

Prelude • Op 36., "Nimrod"

Edward Elgar

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising. ☛ Isaiah 60:1-3*

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

Call to Worship • from Psalm 52

PASTOR: *The steadfast love of God endures all the day.*

PEOPLE: I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

PASTOR: *Let us thank him forever, because he has done it.*

ALL: **I will wait for your name, for it is good,
in the presence of the godly.**

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



- ▶ 1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
- ▶ 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
- ▶ 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
- ▶ 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
- ▶ 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in



- ▶ with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
- ▶ heav'n a - long, O__ praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
- ▶ Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
- ▶ take your part, O__ sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
- ▶ hum - ble - ness, O__ praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the



- ▶ sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
- ▶ morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
- ▶ mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
- ▶ pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
- ▶ Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,



O__ praise him, O__ praise him, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

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Invocation

We pray to God to bless
and guide our worship.

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

Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

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.

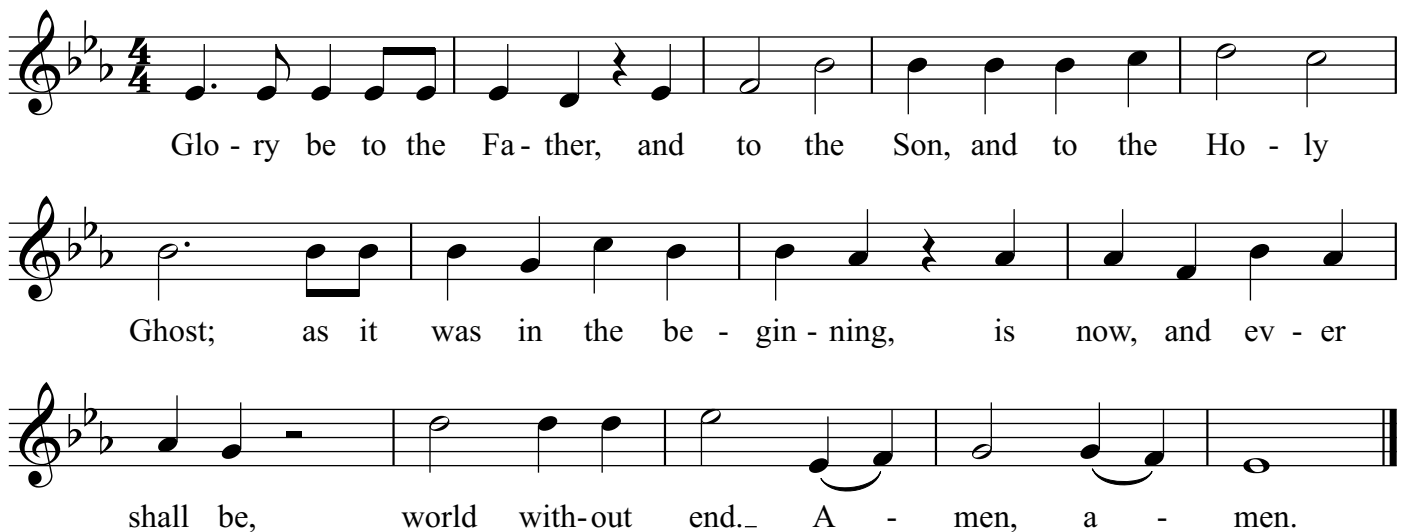
From there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.

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



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with-out end... A - men, a - men.

Corporate Confession of Sin • from Psalm 51

ALL: **Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.**

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • from Psalm 51 and Colossians 2

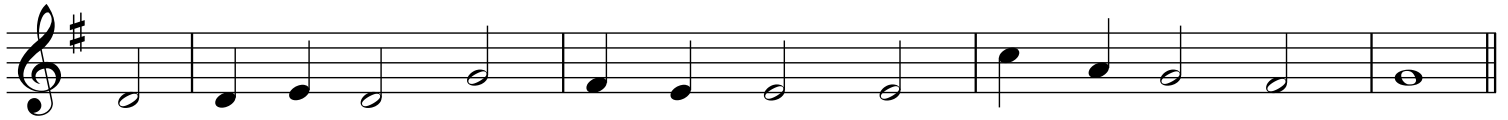
PASTOR: *Let the bones that have been broken rejoice! You, who were
dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your
flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven
us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that
stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside,
nailing it to the cross*

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

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



1. My faith has found a rest-ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;
 2. E-nough for me that Je-sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
 3. My heart is lean-ing on the Word, the writ-ten Word of God:
 4. My great Phy-si-cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;



I trust the ev-er-liv-ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.
 a sin-ful soul I come to him, he'll nev-er cast me out.
 sal-va-tion by my Sav-ior's name, sal-va-tion thro' his blood.
 for me his pre-cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

REFRAIN



I need no oth-er ar-gu-ment, I need no oth-er plea,—



it is e-nough that Je-sus died, and that he died for me.

Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891
 Alt. 1990

LANDAS C.M.ref.
 André Grétry, 1741-1831
 Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891

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

Scripture Reading • Philippians 3:17-4:1

p.981-982
 Dustin Hayes

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

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.

Offertory • *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Arr. by Marianne Forman

CHOIR: *I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold. I'd rather be His than
have riches untold. I'd rather have Jesus than houses or
lands, I'd rather be led by his nail bruised hands.*

CHORUS: *Than be the king of a vast domain, or be held in
sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than
anything this world affords today.*

*I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause, I'd rather be faithful
to His dear cause, I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide
fame, I'd rather be true to His holy name.*

*He's fairer than lilies of rarest, rarest bloom. He's sweeter
than honey from out of the comb, the comb. He's all that
my hungering spirit needs. I'd rather be His and let
Him lead. (CHORUS)*

Children's Worship (8:30am service only)

*Parents, please bring participating children ages 4–1st grade
to meet their Worship leader in the Narthex during the following hymn.
Children can be picked up downstairs in Room 13.*

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

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

Hymn of Preparation • *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*



1. Mine are days that God has num-bered I was made to walk with
 2. Mine are tears in times of sor-row dark-ness not yet un-der-
 3. Mine are days here as a stran-ger pil-grim on a nar-row



Him. Yet I look for world-ly trea-sure and for-sake the King of
 stood. Through the val-ley I must trav-el where I see no earth-ly
 way. One with Christ I will en-coun-ter harm and ha-tred for His



kings. But mine is hope in my Re-deem-er though I fall His love is
 good. But mine is peace that flows from heav-en and the strength in times of
 name. But mine is ar-mor for this bat-tle strong e-nough to last the



sure. For Christ has paid for ev-'ry fail-ing I am His for-ev-er
 need. I know my pain will not be wast-ed Christ com-pletes His work in
 war. And He has said He will de-liv-er safe-ly to the gold-en-



more. shore. And mine are keys to Zi-on Ci-ty where be-side the King I
 me.



walk. For there my heart has found its trea-sure Christ is mine for-ev-er- more.



Comere-joice now O my soul for his love is my re-ward Fear is



gone and hope is sure Christ is mine for-ev-er- more And mine are

Scripture Reading • Selections from Joshua 14:1-19:51

14 *These are the inheritances that the people of Israel received in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel gave them to inherit. ² Their inheritance was by lot, just as the LORD had commanded by the hand of Moses for the nine and one-half tribes. ³ For Moses had given an inheritance to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan, but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. ⁴ For the people of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And no portion was given to the Levites in the land, but only cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock and their substance. ⁵ The people of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses; they allotted the land.*

15 *The allotment for the tribe of the people of Judah...*

16 *The allotment of the people of Joseph...*

17 *Then allotment was made to the people of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph...*

18 *Then the whole congregation of the people of Israel assembled at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there. The land lay subdued before them.*

¹¹ *The lot of the tribe of the people of Benjamin...*

19 *The second lot came out for Simeon...*

¹⁰ *The third lot came up for the people of Zebulun...*

¹⁷ *The fourth lot came out for Issachar...*

²⁴ *The fifth lot came out for the tribe of the people of Asher...*

³² *The sixth lot came out for the people of Naphtali...*

⁴⁰ *The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the people of Dan...*

⁴⁹ *When they had finished distributing the several territories of the land as inheritances, the people of Israel gave an inheritance among them to Joshua the son of Nun. ⁵⁰ By command of the LORD they gave him the city that he asked, Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. And he rebuilt the city and settled in it.*

⁵¹ *These are the inheritances that Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the people of Israel distributed by lot at Shiloh before the LORD, at the entrance of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.*

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

Sermon • A Long Division

Joshua 14:1--19:51; p.189-194

Rev. Noah Wiersema

1. Waiters

2. Warriors

3. Worshipers

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We are raised up to feast
with our Lord.

Gluten-free bread is located on the communion table at the front of the sanctuary.

Grape juice is in the clear cups and wine is in the tinted cups.

Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.

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.

[men] I am bound (*women echo*)

I am bound (*women echo*)

[all] I am bound for Promised Land.

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?

When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

REFRAIN: [men] We are bound (*women echo*)

We are bound (*women echo*)

[all] We are bound for Promised Land.

[men] We are bound (*women echo*)

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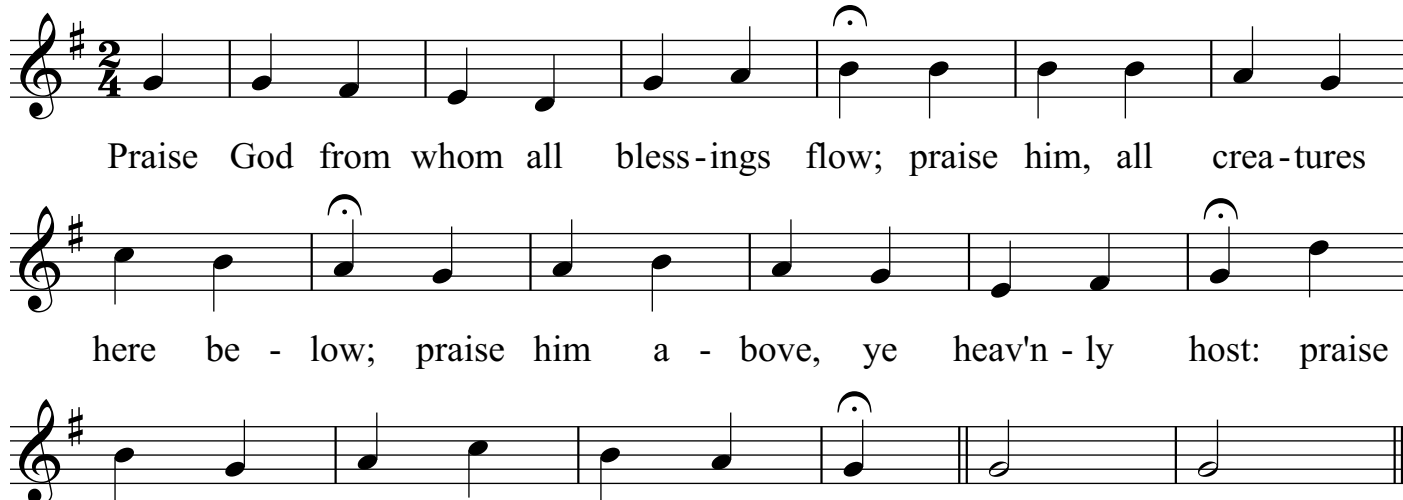
[all] We are bound for Promised Land.

We are sent out with
God's blessing.

Benediction

Doxology

#731



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.

Thomas Ken, 1709

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

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

The Peace of Christ

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

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Postlude

Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Bekah Marsh, Vocals; Dan Fager, Guitar & Vocals;
Jesse Herche, Violin; Tim Cole, Choir Director

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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.*

Prelude

Call to Worship • Psalm 116:5-7, 12-13, 18-19

God, through his Word,
calls us to worship Him

PASTOR: *Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;*

PEOPLE: Our God is merciful.

PASTOR: *The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.*

PEOPLE: Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

PASTOR: *What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?*

PEOPLE: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

PASTOR: *I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,*

PEOPLE: In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

May Mayhem

*Enjoy playing with our pastors and friends while learning more about God's Word.
Children ages 4 through sixth grade may be dismissed
during the final verse of the following hymn.*

Hymn of Adoration • O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #164

Opening Prayer

We pray to God to bless
and guide our worship.

Catechism Question • Heidelberg Lord's Day 28

PASTOR: *How does the Lord's supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts?*

ALL: **In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of him.**

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

With this command he gave these promises:

First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was his body offered for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross.

Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does he himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood.

PASTOR: *What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his shed blood?*

ALL: **First, to accept with a believing heart all the suffering and the death of Christ, and so receive forgiveness of sins and life eternal.**

Second, to be united more and more to his sacred body through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us.

Therefore, although Christ is in heaven and we are on earth, yet we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones, and we forever live and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.

PASTOR: *Where has Christ promised that he will nourish and refresh believers with his body and blood as surely as they eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup?*

ALL: **In the institution of the Lord's supper:**

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This promise is repeated by Paul where he says: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

Hymn of Praise • *Just As I Am, without One Plea*

#501 (vv.1-4)

Prayer Requests

We take time to pray for
one another.

Hymn of Preparation • *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*

#497

Scripture Reading • Luke 22:14-23

14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. 21 But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. 22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" 23 And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

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Sermon • The Desire of Jesus

Luke 22:14-23, p.882

Rev. Chris Smith

May 3, 2026

Hymn of Response • *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

#499

Benediction

We are sent out with
God's blessing.

Postlude

Musicians – Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals; Madeleine Castle, Vocals

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