



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26, 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.

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For Children

Children's Bulletin & Sensory Activity available 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

A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way.

☛ Mark Twain

Greeting

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

Prelude

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

Call to Worship • from Psalm 34

PASTOR: *I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

PEOPLE: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

PASTOR: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

ALL: **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

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

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. When sleep her balm de - nies, my si - lent spir - it sighs:
 3. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I find:
 4. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this:

May Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayerlest,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. When e - vil thoughts mo -
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of dark - ness fear,

to Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 with this I shield my breast: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 when this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised.

▶ 5. Let earth's wide circle round
 in joyful notes resound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Let air and sea and sky,
 from depth to height, reply:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

6. Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Be this th'eternal song,
 through all the ages on:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

We pray to God to bless
and guide our worship.

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

* universal

Invocation

Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

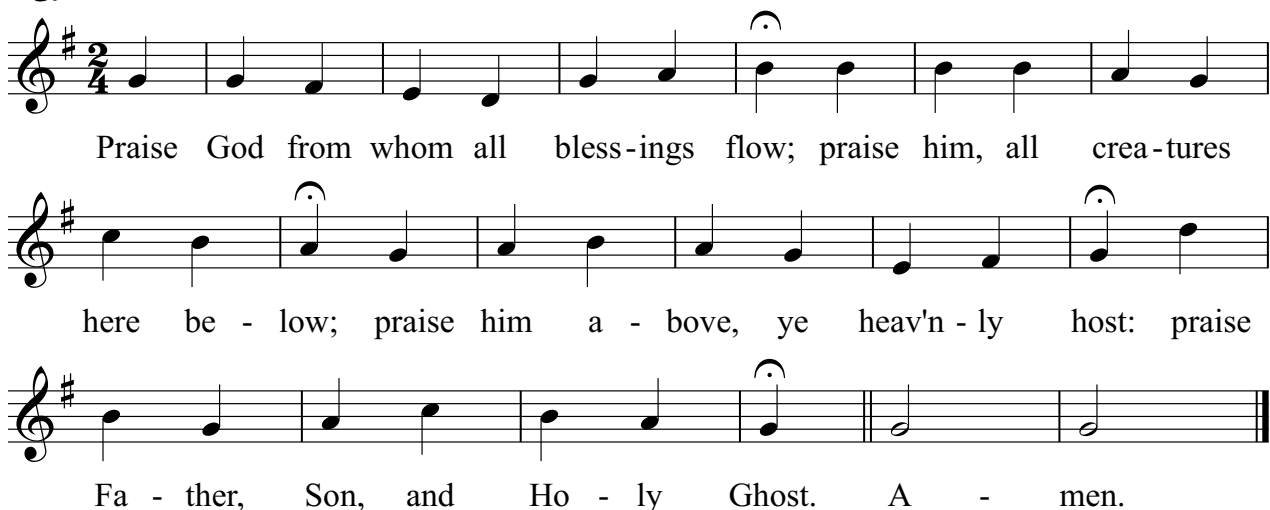
ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin • from Psalm 34

PASTOR: *The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.*

ALL: **O Lord we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not kept our tongues from evil
and our lips from speaking deceit.
We have turned away from peace and toward evil.
We are brokenhearted over our sin
and crushed in spirit.
O Lord, as poor men we cry,
hear us and save us out of all our troubles.**

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • from 1 Peter 3 and Psalm 34

PASTOR: *Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, and he has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

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

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

Hymn of Assurance • *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.



Fine

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



Come re-joyce now O my soul for his love is my re-ward Fear is



D.S. al Fine

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

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 • Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ENSEMBLE: *Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.*

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.

*Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.*

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.*

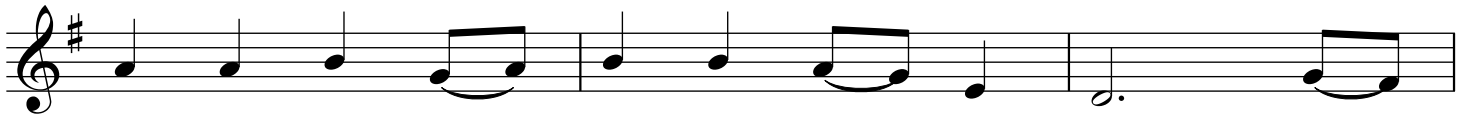
Hymn of Preparation • Psalm 34



1. I__ bless the Lord in ev - ery hour; His_ praise my mouth em - ploy; My_
2. We_ looked to Him, His light re - ceived, and we were not__ a - shamed; Our_
3. O__ taste and see that God is good to__ all who seek__ His face. Blest



soul shall make its boast in God the_ meek shall hear_ with joy. O__ mag - ni - fy__ the
hum - ble cry Je - ho - vah heard; our souls His hand sus - tained. The an - gel of__ the
is the man that trusts in Him, con - fid - ing in__ His grace. O__ fear the Lord, all



Lord with me, let__ us ex - alt__ His name! When
Lord en - camps a - round a - bout__ His own, de -
you His saints; no__ want shall bring_ dis - tress; the__



in dis - tress on__ Him I called, He__ to my res - cue came.
liv - ers them from all their foes, lest__ they be o - ver - thrown.
li - ons young may_ search for food; His_ saints all good pos - sess.

Scripture Reading • Psalm 34

OF DAVID, WHEN HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOR BEFORE ABIMELECH, SO THAT HE DROVE HIM OUT, AND HE WENT AWAY

- 34** *I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.*
- 3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.*
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.*
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.*
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.*
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!*
- 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!*
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*
- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*
- 12 What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?*
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.*
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.*
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.*
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.*
- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.*
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*

- 19 *Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.*
- 20 *He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.*
- 21 *Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.*
- 22 *The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

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

Sermon • Experiencing God

Psalm 34; pp.463-464
Rev. Noah Wiersema

1. Boasting

2. Tasting

3. Listening

4. Saving

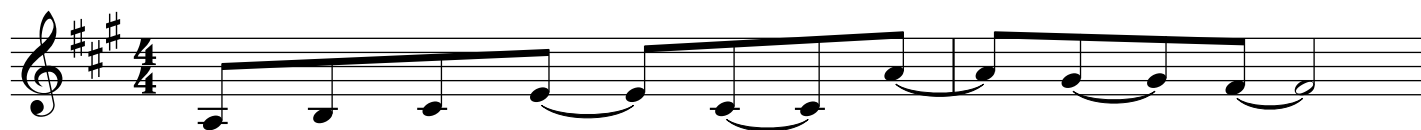
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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

See pg. 23 for Communion Instructions

We are raised up to feast
with our Lord.

Communion Hymn • *Come All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor*



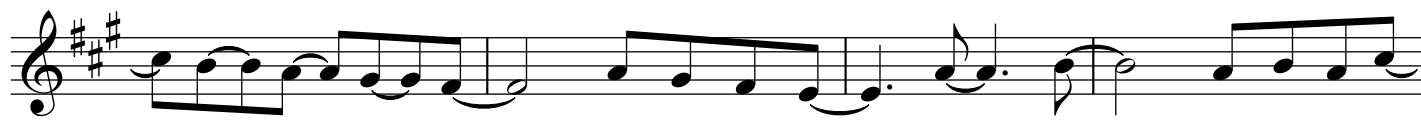
1. Lord, we a - dore__ thy__ bound - less__ grace.
2. O won - drous gifts__ of__ love,__ di - vine,__
3. Here shall your num - 'rous__ wants__ re - ceive



The heights and depths un - known, of par - don, life,__ and__ joy,__
dear Source of ev - 'ry__ good;__ Je - sus, in thee__ what__ glo -
a free, a full__ sup - ply;__ he has un - meas - ured bliss



— and__ peace, in thy be lov - ed__ Son.__
— ries__ shine! How rich thy flow - ing__ blood!__ Come, all ye pin -
— to__ give, and joys that nev - er__ die.__



- ing, hun - gry__ poor,__ the Sav - ior's boun - ty__ taste;__ be - hold a nev -

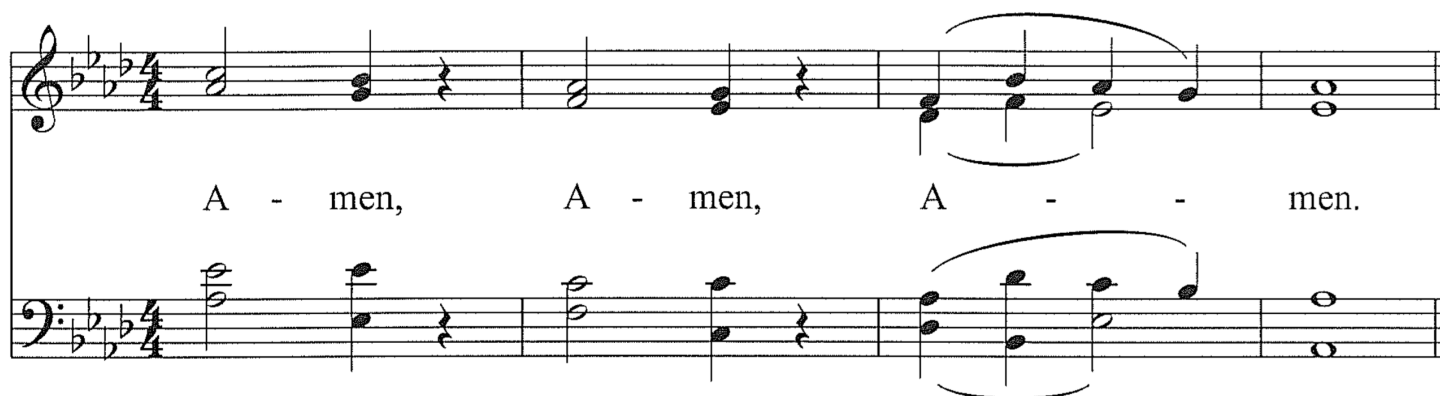


- er - fail - ing__ store__ for ev - 'ry will - ing__ guest._

Benediction

We are sent out with
God's blessing.

Threefold Amen



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

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 – Jonathan McGuire, Organ & Piano; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals;
Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals

Men's Ensemble - Andy Belval, Jonathan McGuire, Bill McGreevy, Chris Bauer, John Bauer,
Tim Cole, Carl Zimmerman, Will Nabholz, Brad Davitt

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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 57:9-11

God, through his Word,
calls us to worship Him

LEADER: *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;*

PEOPLE: I will sing praises to you among the nations.

LEADER: *For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

ALL: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!**

Hymn of Adoration • *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

#164

Opening Prayer

We pray to God to bless
and guide our worship.

Worship Leader: Mr. Evan Kvale

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

Catechism Question • Heidelberg Lord's Day 36

LEADER: *What is required in the third commandment?*

ALL: **We are not to blaspheme or to abuse the name of God
by cursing,
perjury,
or unnecessary oaths,
nor to share in such horrible sins
by being silent bystanders.
Rather, we must use the holy name of God
only with fear and reverence,
so that we may rightly confess him,
call upon him,
and praise him in all our words and works.**

LEADER: *Is the blaspheming of God's name by swearing and cursing
such a grievous sin that God is angry also with those who do
not prevent and forbid it as much as they can?*

ALL: **Certainly, for no sin is greater or provokes God's
wrath more than the blaspheming of his name.
That is why he commanded it to be punished with
death.**

Hymn of Praise • *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

#629

We take time to pray for
one another.

Prayer Requests

Hymn of Preparation • *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

#501
(vv.1-2, 5-6)

Scripture Reading • Galatians 3:15-29

15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

1. The Promise

2. The Law

3. The Christ

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Hymn of Response • *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

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Benediction

We are sent out with
God's blessing.

Postlude

Musicians – Jonathan McGuire, Piano

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FAQ

Find answers here to 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**August 2**

Morning: Psalm 35

Evening: Galatians 4:1-7

August 9

Morning: Psalm 36

Evening: Galatians 4:8-20

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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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