



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 9, 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

What we contemplate in unoccupied moments, the way of life in which we take our stand, and what we reject and accept, all point to what we regard as sacred and ultimate.

✠ James M. Hamilton Jr.

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 36

PASTOR: *Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

PEOPLE: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O LORD.

PASTOR: *How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.*

PEOPLE: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink
from the river of your delights.

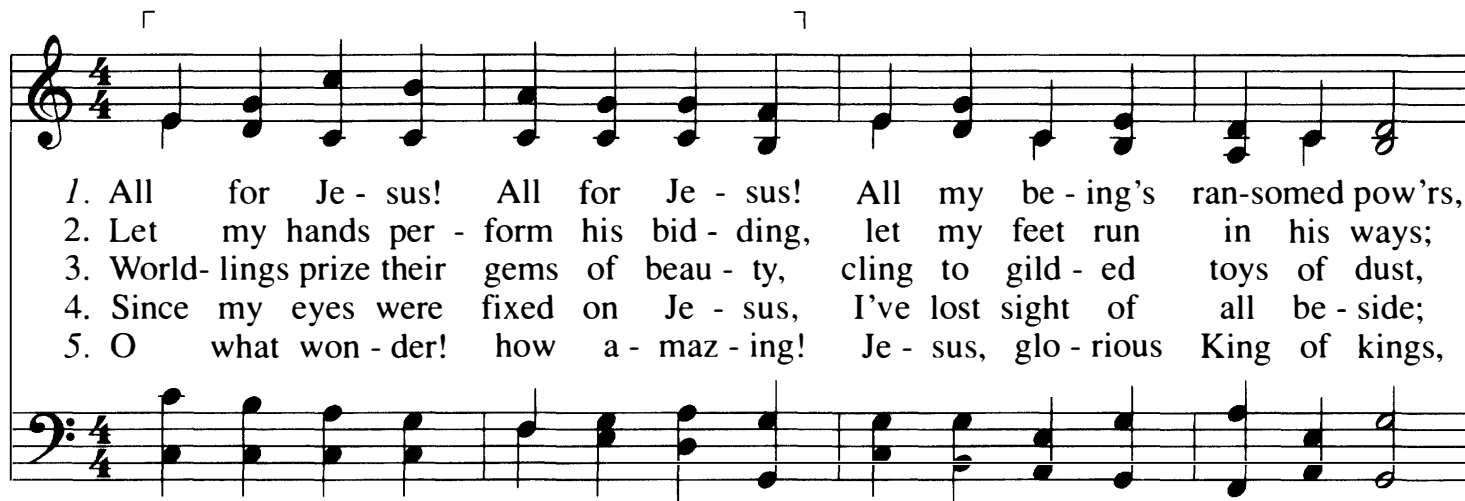
PASTOR: *For with you is the fountain of life*

ALL: **In your light do we see light.**

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

Hymn of Adoration • *All for Jesus!*

#565



1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran-somed pow'rs,
 2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
 3. World- lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
 4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
 5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,



all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
 let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
 • boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
 so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
 deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Mary D. James, 1889

WYCLIFF 8.7.8.7.
 John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887

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

#734

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.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (Meineke) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844

Corporate Confession of Sin • from Psalm 36

ALL: O Lord, we have sinned against you.
We flatter ourselves in our own eyes;
we hide our iniquity.
The words of our mouths are trouble and deceit;
we cease to act wisely and do good.
We set ourselves in a way that is not good;
We do not reject evil.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Let us take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • from Psalm 36 and Romans 11

PASTOR: *The steadfast love of the LORD extends to the heavens, his faithfulness to the clouds. The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. At one time you were disobedient to God but now have received mercy. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

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

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

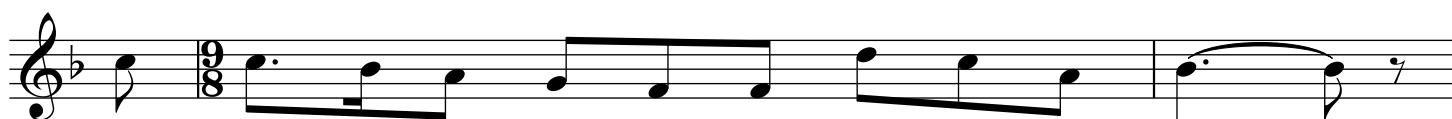
Hymn of Assurance • *His Mercy Is More*



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done;
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam;
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum.
 What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home.
 His blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



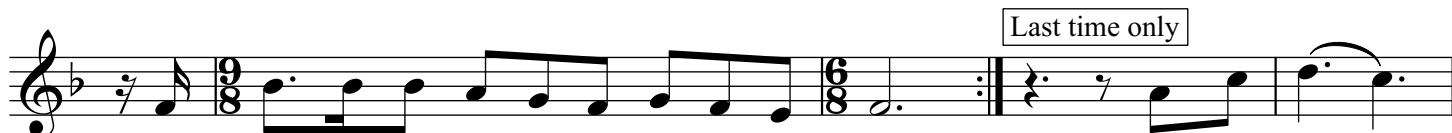
Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;____
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;____
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;____



Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!__
 Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.
 Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more.____ Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn;



Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.. Praise the Lord!_



His mer - cy is more.____ Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

Scripture Reading • John 1:6-13

p.886
Heather Drake

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

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 • Be Thou My Vision

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

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 • *Speak O Lord*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your ho - ly Word.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in Your
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your
Truth un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down thru e -



like - ness, that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -
ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; and by



acts of love and our deeds of__ faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
faith we'll walk as You walk with__ us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

Scripture Reading • Psalm 36

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. OF DAVID, THE SERVANT OF THE LORD.

36 *Transgression speaks to the wicked*

*deep in his heart;
there is no fear of God
before his eyes.*

*2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes
that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.*

*3 The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;
he has ceased to act wisely and do good.*

*4 He plots trouble while on his bed;
he sets himself in a way that is not good;
he does not reject evil.*

*5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O LORD.*

*7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

*8 They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.*

*9 For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.*

*10 Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!*

*11 Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,
nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.*

*12 There the evildoers lie fallen;
they are thrust down, unable to rise.*

1. Lamentation (1-4)

2. Meditation (5-9)

3. Petition (10-12)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

See pg. 27 for Communion Instructions

We are raised up to feast
with our Lord.

Communion Hymn • *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

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Capo 1: ♯ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) ♯ (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A)

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est those that on thee call;
3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to feast up - on thee still;
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

(E⁷) (A) ♯ (D) (D⁷) (Gmaj⁷) (D/A) (A) (D) ♯

from the best bliss that earth im - parts we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.
• we drink of thee, the foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150
Arr. and tr. by Ray Palmer, 1858

QUEBEC L.M.
Henry Baker, 1854

Benediction

We are sent out with
God's blessing.

Threefold Amen

A musical score for a threefold amen. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time and key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is simple, using mostly half and quarter notes. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - men.' are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

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; Jesse Herche, Violin; Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals

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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.*

Reflection

*For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I
trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would
not be a servant of Christ.*

✠ Galatians 1:10

Prelude

God, through his Word,
calls us to worship Him

Call to Worship • from Psalm 95

LEADER: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

ALL: **For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Hymn of Adoration • Crown Him With Many Crowns

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We pray to God to bless
and guide our worship.

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader: Mr. Will Nabholz

Catechism Question • Heidelberg Lord's Day 38

LEADER: *What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?*

ALL: **First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.**

Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

Hymn of Praise • *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

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Prayer Requests

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

We take time to pray for
one another.

Hymn of Preparation • *Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder*



1. Let us__ love__ and__ sing__ and__ won - der, Let us__ praisethe__ Sav -
2. Let us__ love__ the__ Lord__ who bought us, Pit - ied__ us__ when en -
3. Let us__ sing__ through fierce__ temp - ta - tion Threat-en__ hard to__ bear__
4. Let us__ praise and__ join__ the__ cho - rus Of the__ saints en - throned



- ior's__ name, He has__ hushed the__ law's__ loud__ thun - der,
 - e - mies; Called us__ by__ His__ grace__ and__ taught us,
 __ us__ down! For the__ Lord our__ strong__ sal - va - tion
 on__ high; Here they__ trust - ed__ Him__ be - fore__ us,



He has quenched Mount Si - nai's__ flame. He has washed us
 Gave us__ ears__ and__ gave__ us__ eyes.. He has washed us
 Holds in__ view__ the__ con - qu'ror's crown. He who washed us
 Now their__ prais - es__ fill__ the__ sky.. Thou hast washed us



with His__ blood,__	He has washed us with His__ blood,__	He has
with His__ blood,__	He has washed us with His__ blood,__	He has
with His__ blood,__	He who washed us with His__ blood,__	He who
with Thy blood,__	Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,__	Thou hast



washed us with His__ blood,__	He has brought us nigh to__ God.
washed us with His__ blood,__	He pre - sents our souls to__ God.
washed us with His__ blood,__	Soon will bring us home to__ God.
washed us with Thy blood,__	Thou art wor - thy Lamb of__ God.

Scripture Reading • Galatians 4:8-20

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

¹² Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. ¹³ You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, ¹⁴ and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷ They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. ¹⁸ It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, ¹⁹ my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! ²⁰ I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

1. The Dilemma (vv. 8-11)

2. The Challenge (vv. 12-16)

3. The Bullies (vv. 17-20)

Benediction

Postlude

Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Madeleine Castle, Vocals

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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

CHURCH EVENTS

THIS WEEK at COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY, AUGUST 9

Evening Worship | 6:00pm; Sanctuary
Visitor Lunch | after the 11:00am service (about 12:30pm);
Schaeffer House

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm; Zoom

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Schaeffer House Coffee Shop | 8:00am;
Schaeffer House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events: For more information about all of our upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit www.cpcstl.org/calendar or the "Upcoming Events" tab in the church app.

August 9:	Visitor Lunch
August 14:	FINAL Schaeffer House Coffee Shop
August 17:	Guys Night Out
August 17:	Covenant Women's Book Club
August 22:	Baby Shower for Brittany Schultz
August 23:	College and Young Adult Lunch
August 26:	Fall Youth D-Groups Begin
August 26:	Choir Rehearsals Begin
August 27:	Young Adult Pickleball
August 28:	Schaeffer House Film Night
August 31:	Women's Bible Study begins
September 12:	Kids Clothing Resale
September 19:	Pig Pickin'



ANNOUNCEMENTS continue on page 24

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

Elder: Garrett & Kathy Jacobs (Nathan, Peter,
Anna, Lizzie)

Deacon: Walt & Coleen Bosch

Jeff & Shary Dare

Ben & Depa George (Leah)

Claudia Gold

Bill & Kasey Holtzman (Will, Reid)

Tim Weston (ISI, Seattle, WA)

Koji & Marcia Esaki (Church Planting, PMI Japan)

PCA Ministry: Covenant Seminary

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

Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God | Fellowship Hall | Large Group Lecture

This summer in our large group Adult Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall we will explore the meaning and power of prayer, offering practical instruction for developing a meaningful prayer life and deepening one's connection with God, reflecting on Tim Keller's book *Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*.

Book of Acts | Room 107 | led by Dick Tiburzi | Lecture Style

Join us for a Bible study through the book of Acts

Youth 9:45am

Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God | Jr. & Sr. High | Youth House

Children 9:45am

- 4 year olds - 4th graders; on the lower level
- 4 year olds - Kindergarten (Room 15)
- 1st–4th graders in the Heartland Room (Room 12)
- 5th/6th Roots - Room 5 (lower level) | led by Abigail Nabholz and Evan Kvale

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 16**

Morning: Psalm 37

Evening: Luke 5:1-11

August 23

Morning: Psalm 38

Evening: Galatians 4:21-31

Church Staff

Noah Wiersema, Senior Pastor

Chris Smith, Associate Pastor

John Roberts, Assistant Pastor/Head of School

Josh Fikkert, Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

Julie Bauer, Administrative Assistant

Morgan Fikkert, Director of Women's Ministries

Rebekah Marsh, Director of Music

John Fussell, Director of Children's Ministry

Faithe Bennett, Covenant Life Coordinator

Jamey Brester, Property Manager

Donna Baber, Bookkeeper

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Bill Cahill

Dave Haverdink

Will Haynes

Garrett Jacobs

Jeff Klinger

Mike Koller

Dan Legters

Jeremy Marsh

Bill McGreevy

Alan Norman

Diaconate

Walt Bosch

Ben Butterfield

Mike Castle

Don Jacobs

Casey Jowdy

Dan Moore

David Moore

Norman Reed

Todd Schultz

Nathan Theus

Reed Voorhees

Women's Ministry Leadership

Moms of Littles - Anna Kvale, Lauren Dakich

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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