



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 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

I never knew that remark to fail: "He that loves to dispute, does not love God."

 John Wesley

Greeting

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

Prelude • *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

*Come, my way, my truth, my life: Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife, Such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my joy, my love, my heart: Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part, Such a heart as joys in love.*

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

Call to Worship • from Psalm 54

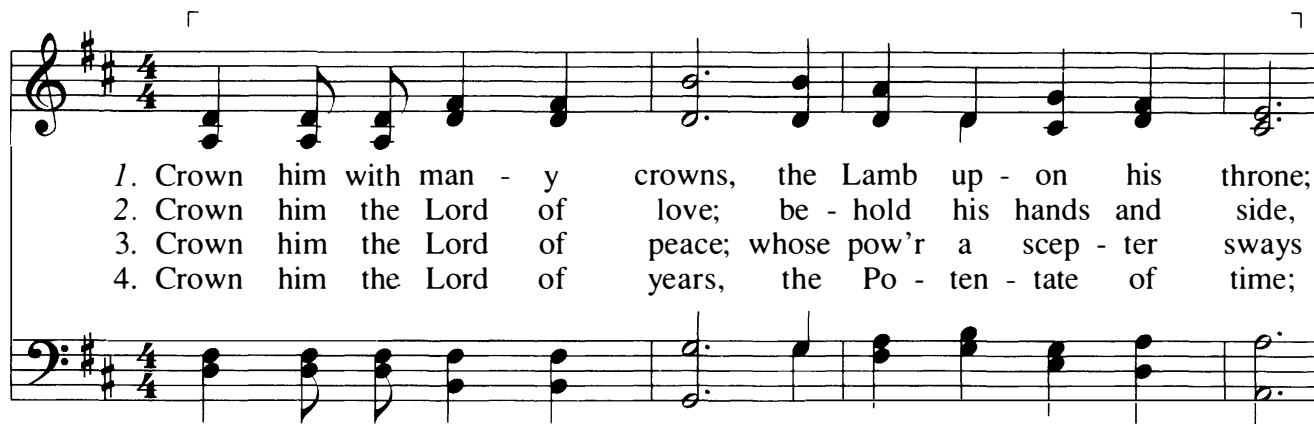
PASTOR: *Behold, God is my helper.*

PEOPLE: The Lord is the upholder of my life.

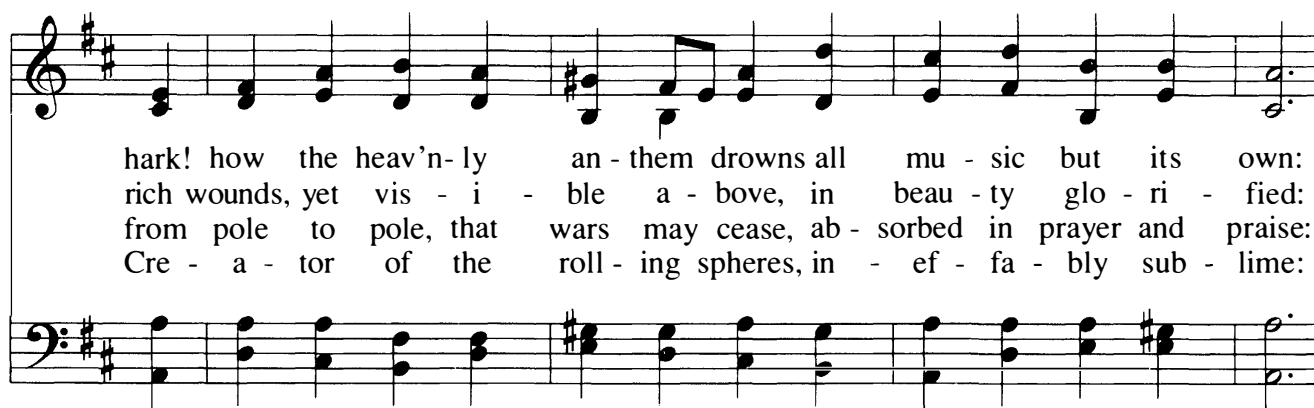
PASTOR: *With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you.*

ALL: **I will give thanks to your name, O LORD,
for it is good.**

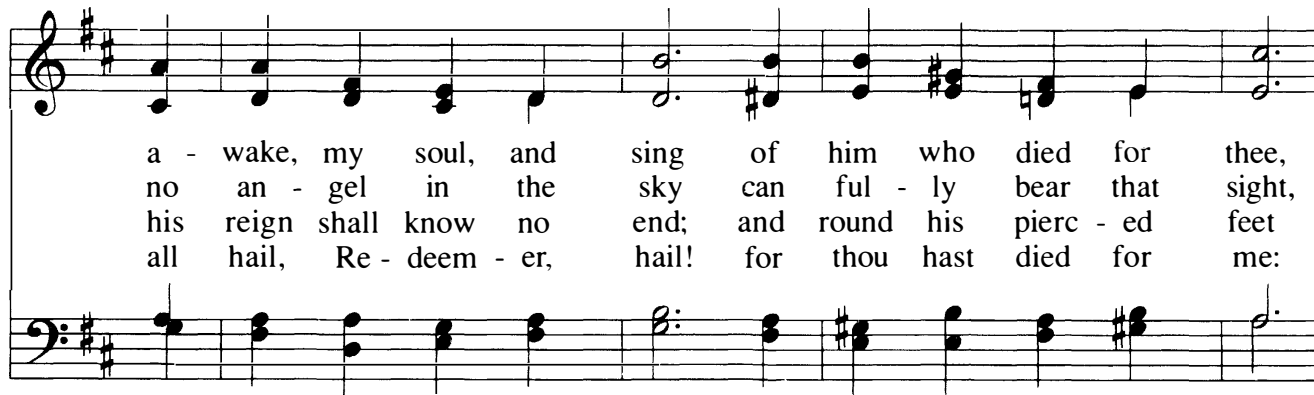
In response to God calling
us into worship, we sing
praises to Him.



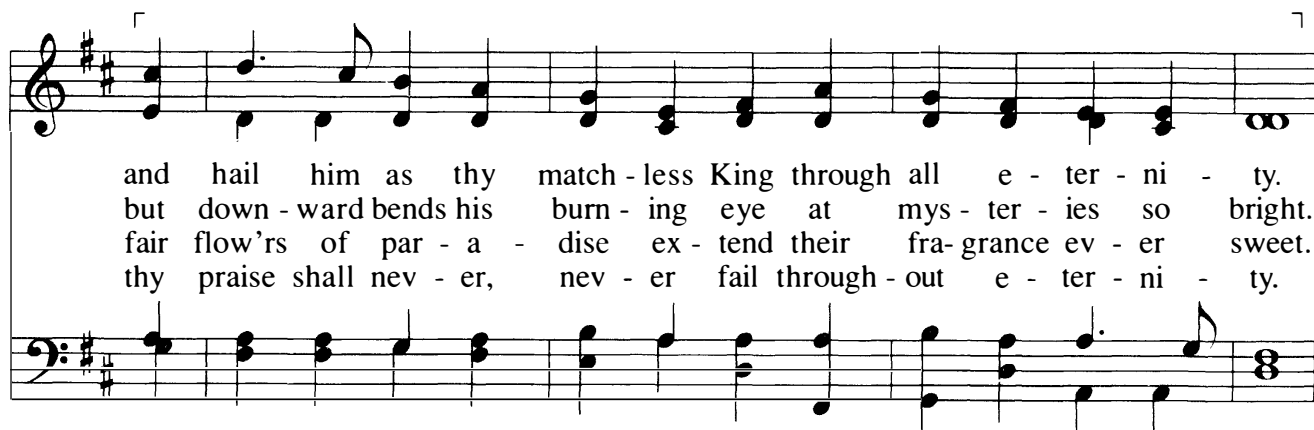
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Thomas Ken, 1709

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

Corporate Confession of Sin • from 1 Corinthians 1

ALL: **O Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you.**
We are called to be united in our Lord Jesus Christ,
yet instead we divide and separate
from one another.
Instead of seeking agreement,
we are quick to quarrel.
We seek after earthly leaders
instead of following our true king in heaven.
We are swayed by eloquent words
and forget the power of the cross.
Forgive us, O Lord.

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

Silent Confession

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

Assurance of Pardon • from Romans 5

PASTOR: *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

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

Hymn of Assurance • *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (I Will Arise)*

(vv.1, 3-5)



- ▶ 1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed__
- ▶ 2. Come, ye need - y,___ come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty__
- ▶ 3. Come, ye wea - ry,___ heav - y lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
- ▶ 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
- ▶ 5. Lo! th'in - car - nate__ God as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it__



- ▶ sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save__ you,
- ▶ glo - ri - fy; true be - lief__ and true re - pent - ance,
- ▶ by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
- ▶ fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth
- ▶ of His blood: Ven - ture on__ Him, ven - ture whol - ly,



- ▶ full of pit - y,___ love and pow'r.
- ▶ ev - 'ry grace that__ brings you nigh.
- ▶ you will nev - er__ come at all. I will a-rise and go to Je - sus,
- ▶ is to feel__ your need of Him.
- ▶ let no oth - er__ trust in - trude.



He will em-brace me__ in His arms. In the arms__ of



my dear Sav - ior, O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms.

Joseph Hart
Refrain, source unknown

Traditional American Melody
Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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

Scripture Reading • Deuteronomy 6:4-9

p.151
Jon McCluskey

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Baptism (11:00)

Ezra William Moore

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.

Offertory • *The Church's One Foundation*

Wesley and Nichols

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

CHOIR: *The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is
His new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n He
came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own
blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of
salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name
she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she
presses, with ev'ry grace endued.*

*The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend, to
guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end; tho' there
be those that hate her and false sons in her pale, against the
foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.*

*Tho' with a scornful wonder, men see her sore oppressed, by
schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their
watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon
the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and
mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O
happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them,
the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.*

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

*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 • *Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me*



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er, there is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
 4. With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy,
 side, the Sav - ior He will stay. I la - bor on
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled
 said that He will bring me home. And day by day,



my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast love,
 in weak - ness and re - joic - ing. For in my need,
 and suf - fered for my par - don, and He was raised
 I know He will re - new me un - til I stand



my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold,
 His pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold,
 to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold,
 with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold,



my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life
 my Sav - ior will de - fend me. Through the deep -
 my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now
 my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo -



is whol - ly bound to His. Oh, how strange and div - ine,
 est val - ley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won
 and ev - er is my plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased,
 ry ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete



I can sing, "All is mine, yet not I, but through Christ in me."
 and I shall o - ver - come, yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 I can sing, "I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me."
 still my lips shall re - peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

Scripture Reading • 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1. The Call for Unity

2. The Dangers of Division

3. The Power of the Cross

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

See pg. 23 for Communion Instructions

We are raised up to feast
with our Lord.

Communion Hymn • *The Power of the Cross*



1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your



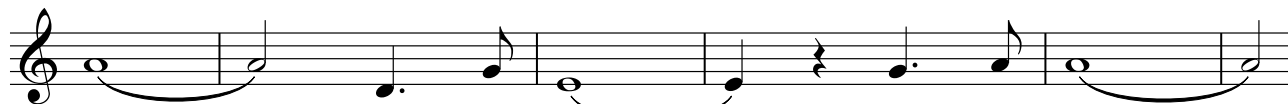
road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
suf - fring I am free. Death is crushed to death;



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.____
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.____
dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.____
life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love.____



— This, the pow'r____ of the cross:____ Christ be -
— This, the pow'r____ of the cross:____ Christ be -
— This, the pow'r____ of the cross:____ Christ be -
— This, the pow'r____ of the cross:____ Son of



came____ sin for us;____ took the blame,____
came____ sin for us;____ took the blame,____
came____ sin for us;____ took the blame,____
God—____ slain for us.____ What a love!____



bore the wrath— we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
bore the wrath— we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
bore the wrath— we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
What a cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

We are sent out with
God's blessing.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

A musical score for a threefold amen. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple, using half and quarter notes. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - men.' are written below the notes. The first two 'Amen's are separated by a comma, and the third is elongated with two dashes. The score ends with a double bar line.

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 – Brent Johnson, Piano; Justin Dakich, Guitar & Vocals; Bekah Marsh, Vocals;
Debbie Jacobs, Oboe; Jesse Herche, Violin; Tim Cole, Choir Director

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**Please join us tonight at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for
Missions - More Than A Moment**

Come hear how the Lord is working through his people around the world!

- Baja Vision Mission to Concon, Chile (Dan Siebert)
- Yucatan, Mexico (Josh Fikkert, Lucy Cole, Kuyper Brandt)
- Covenant's Church Planting Forums (Don Jacobs and Mike Galbreath)
- Joining What God is already doing in Ecuador (Hugo Figueira)

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, SEPTEMBER 20

Missions: More Than A Moment | 6:00pm;
Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Guys Night Out | 6:00pm; *Missouri Athletic Club*
Covenant Women's Book Club | 7:00pm; *Commons*
Women's Bible Study | 6:30pm;
Debbie Brandenburg's home

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Precept Bible Study | 7:00pm; *Schaeffer House*
Women's Bible Study | 7:00pm; *Holly Smith's home*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Jr. & Sr. High D-Groups | 6:00pm; *Youth House*
Choir | 6:30pm; *Sanctuary*
Prayer Meeting | 7:00pm; *Zoom*
Schaeffer House Book Discussion | 7:00pm;
Schaeffer House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Women's Bible Study | 9:30am; *Mare Room &
Heartland Room*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Young Adult Prsie Night | 6:30pm; *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.

September 20: Missions: More than a Moment (Evening)
September 21: Guys' Night Out
September 21: Women's Book "Club"
September 23: Schaeffer House Book Discussion
September 25: Young Adult Praise Night
September 30: Day of Fasting and Prayer
October 2-3: Women's Fall Retreat
October 3: Sr. High Fall Party
October 4: Visitor Lunch



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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

Elder: John & Julie Bauer (Katherine, Elizabeth, Christopher)

Elder: Jon & Lindy McCluskey (Jonathan, Jude, Alaina)

Deacon: David & Amanda Moore (Joey, Riley, Elijah, Luke, Emmy, Ezra)

Deacon: Dan & Evonne Moore (Caleb)

Deacon: Ben & Gina Butterfield (Elias, Josiah, Samuel)

Tim & Stacy Cole (Sam, Joe, Lucy)

Garry & Marian De Wit

Dan & Jill Fager (Eli, Wim, Eva)

Josh & Morgan Fikkert (Edith, Johanna, Asa)

Fred & Jean Klett (CHAIM Ministries to Jews in Philadelphia)

Vern & Alina Marshall (MTW Chile)

PCA Ministry: Mission to North America

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

Union With Christ | Room 104 | led by KJ Drake

Union with Christ is the center of our salvation and spirituality; this class explores what it means and why it matters that we are united to Christ.

Being Human | Room 105 | led by Eric Bryan

In a time when the meaning of being human is called into question by everything from AI to virtual reality to gender and sexuality, this class will walk through Jerram Barrs & Ronald Macaulay's Being Human: The Nature of Spiritual Experience

Catholic, But Not Roman: Why We're Protestant | Room 103 | led by Josh & Morgan Fikkert

Ever wondered why some evangelicals are heading for the Roman Catholic Church? Join us as we explore Protestantism's rich store of answers to common critiques and objections

What We Are To Believe Concerning God | Room 108 | led by Alan Norman & Chris Smith

We will explore the Westminster Shorter Catechism as a doctrinal, yet deeply pastoral tool, with a special focus on Questions 1-38, which you can find in the Trinity Hymnal on pages 869-872.

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 Will Nabholz and Tara McGuire | Youth House

Children 9:45am

- 4 year olds - 5th graders; on the lower level
- 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 ScheduleSeptember 27

Morning: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Evening: Galatians 6:1-18

October 4

Morning: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Evening: "He descended into hell"

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

Jennie McClelland, Nursery Coordinator

Session Elders

John Bauer

Matt Brandt

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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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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