



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Who We Are as Christians

One of the most powerful expressions of our core beliefs as Christians is found in the *Heidelberg Catechism*, a classic confessional document written in Germany during the protestant Reformation and still relevant and encouraging today.

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

Who We Are as a Church

Covenant Presbyterian Church was officially organized in June of 1977 with 59 charter members, representing 27 families.

On November 22, 1978, the property on Highway 314 was purchased.

We have had four senior pastors: Gene Hunt 1978-1987, Dale Welden 1988-2006, Tom Myers 2007-2011, Jamie Lambert 2012-present.

Marty Alexander came to Covenant in September 1996 to serve as our organist. He continues to this day leading our choir and our entire music ministry.

Jamie Lambert came to Covenant in April of 2003 as the Director of Student Ministries. He was ordained as a minister of the gospel in the PCA on February 13, 2011 and was called as the

Associate Pastor & Minister of Youth. In February of 2012 the congregation called Jamie to be the fourth senior pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

John Sutton came to Covenant October 1, 2011, as the Director of Youth & Children's Ministries. John graduated from Metro Atlanta Seminary and was ordained and installed as Associate Pastor in May of 2016.

Daniel Sluis came to Covenant full time in May of 2016. He serves as the Outreach Director and Director of Camp Covenant, a summer day camp outreach to the city of Fayetteville. He also leads our sports ministry and local outreach.

Our Worship and Beliefs

We are a church committed to a means of grace ministry. We believe that the ordinary way that God grows his church is through prayer, Word, and sacrament. We are unashamedly and distinctively Reformed. To be Reformed is to be biblical. To be Reformed is to stand firmly on the Word of God.

We believe that God is sovereign. He is in control of all things, at all times, in every tongue, tribe and nation. We believe God has one glorious, covenantal plan of redemption and that he is carrying out that plan.

We make worship a priority on the Lord's Day. We have two opportunities to gather as God's people to worship. We have an 11 am and a 5:30pm worship service each Lord's Day. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Table once a month in the 11am service and all other weeks in the 5:30pm service.

Who We Are as a Denomination

The **Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)** was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed Faith, and obedient to the Great Commission.

The PCA is a Presbyterian denomination in that we have a representative form of church government. A local church is governed by a **Session** comprised of elders elected by the members of the congregation. Pastors and representatives of local churches in a region form a **Presbytery**. Representatives of Presbyteries and local churches meet annually at a **General Assembly**.

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America, which is subject to and subordinate to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the inerrant Word of God, consists of its doctrinal standards set forth in the **Westminster Confession of Faith**, together with the **Larger** and **Shorter Catechisms**, and the **Book of Church Order**, comprising the Form of Government, the Rules of Discipline and the Directory for Worship; all as adopted by the church.

How to Become a Member in the PCA

All those wishing to become a member in the PCA must answer the following questions in the affirmative:

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His wrath and displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you trust in Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of God in the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to be a faithful member of this church, supporting it through prayer, participation in its activities, Christian service, and in the stewardship of your possessions?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of this church and promise to strive for its peace and purity?

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