

COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Easter*

The Lord's Day  
March 31, 2024

Verse of the Year

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise.

**Psalm 51:17**

# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | 11:00 AM

(Minister | *Congregation*)

**Prelude**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
Arr. by David Lowe

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jamie Lambert

Christ Is Risen. *He Is Risen Indeed.*

**Call to Worship**

**Anthem**

Christ Is Alive!  
Sanctuary Choir

Christ is alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine.  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching ev'ry place and time.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus freed for all.

Christ is alive and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev'ry age;  
'till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Christ is alive! Alleluia!

## **Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

## **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.*

*The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.*

## **Hymn 277**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

## **Responsive Reading** Westminster Larger Catechism 32 & 33

32. How is the grace of God manifested in the second covenant?

*The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that he freely provideth and offereth to sinners a Mediator, and life and salvation by him; and requiring faith as the condition to interest them in him, promiseth and giveth his Holy Spirit to all his elect, to work in them*

*that faith, with all other saving graces; and to enable them unto all holy obedience, as the evidence of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God, and as the way which he hath appointed them to salvation.*

33. Was the covenant of grace always administered after one and the same manner?

*The covenant of grace was not always administered after the same manner, but the administrations of it under the Old Testament were different from those under the New.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Adam Peeler

**Offertory Anthem**

Behold the Risen Lamb  
Sanctuary Choir

Behold your God, the risen Lamb,  
the perfect son of righteousness;  
The Lord of All, the great I Am,  
The King of glory and of grace!

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Whoever lives and pleads for me.

Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is now made free;  
For God, the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.

One with my Lord, I cannot die:  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is safe with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

## **Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **Offertory Prayer**

Rev. Adam Peeler

## **Hymn 273**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

## **Scripture Reading**

Mark 16:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## **Sermon**

Unbelievable Story Part 2

Rev. Jamie Lambert

## **Hymn 267**

The Day of Resurrection!

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Marty Alexander

## EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:30 PM

(Minister | Congregation)

### Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-5

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

*Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!*

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

*Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!*

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

### Invocation

Matthew 6:9-13

*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.*

### Hymn 121

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him

### Reading of the Law

Exodus 20

I. You shall have no other gods before Me.

II. *You shall not make for yourself an idol.*

*You shall not worship them or serve them.*

III. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

IV. *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

V. Honor your father and your mother.

VI. *You shall not murder.*

VII. You shall not commit adultery.

VIII. *You shall not steal.*

IX. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

X. *You shall not covet.*

## **Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Hymn 128**

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

#### **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 43

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

#### **Sermon**

Mercy on Display  
Rev. Adam Peeler

#### **Responsive Reading**

Westminster Larger Catechism 168

What is the Lord's supper?

*The Lord's supper is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, his death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate feed upon his body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness, and*

*engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body.*

## **The Lord's Supper**

**Hymn 56**

When All Your Mercies, O My God

**Benediction**



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## **Prayer for the Persecuted Church from Voice of the Martyrs**

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Pray for Kenya: Pray for the families of Kenyan Christians who have been killed by Muslim extremists.

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## **Children in Worship**

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Worship is for the whole family, so we encourage you to have your children in our services! We have children's books and other resources in the foyer. We also have a training room available. Nursery is available for 0-3 year olds.

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## **Pastor Lambert Scholarship Fund**

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The Session is pleased to announce that Pastor Jamie Lambert has been accepted into the Doctor of Ministry program at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. The Doctor of Ministry program at Puritan Reformed focuses on biblical, reformed, experiential, and practical preaching.

Covenant has created a scholarship fund to assist Pastor Lambert with tuition and fees. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please designate gifts to the "Jamie Lambert Scholarship Fund". Be in prayer for Pastor Lambert as he begins his studies.

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## **Lord's Supper**

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The Lord's Supper will be served during morning worship next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Deacon's Offering Next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

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We receive a special benevolence offering following our morning communion service. Please write "deacon's offering" on your cash envelope or in your check's memo line. The offering for next Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, will go to Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center.

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## **Library Book Talk – Lunch and Speaker**

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Saturday, April 6, 2024. 11:00am-12:30pm. Elder Kevin Nichols will speak about favorite books and Scottish church history. Interesting. Light lunch and authentic Scottish shortbread!

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## **Faith Circle**

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This month Faith Circle will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in April, instead of our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Hope you can join us on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. We will be studying Philipians.

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## **Baby Shower**

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Join us for a baby shower for Nance Dorsey! The happy occasion will be Saturday, April 20, at 10:00 am at the church. Nance is registered at <https://www.babylist.com/list/nance-dorsey>. FYI Nance is registered at Target and Amazon through Babylist.

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## **Foundation Class Weekend April 26-27, 2024**

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All members and visitors are welcome to take this class. This will be an opportunity for us to talk about God's Word, our foundation as a church, and the foundation of the Reformed faith. We will explore the basics of Christianity rooted in the scripture. This class is a requirement for those who desire to become a member of CPC but anyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to take this class, please email Liz at [office@covenantpres.net](mailto:office@covenantpres.net) or you can call her at the office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Adam or Pastor Jamie.

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## Women's Wellness Ministry

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Women's Wellness Ministry! Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from 6:45-7:45 p.m. We will meet in the Stillman Center. Be sure to bring an exercise mat for stretching and calisthenics. For more information, contact Sara Johnson: at [johnson30saraa@gmail.com](mailto:johnson30saraa@gmail.com).

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## Wednesday Night Family Ministry

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All families with children are invited to our Wednesday Night Family Ministry from 4:30-6:00 p.m. A meal will be served, a lesson will be taught, and fun activities will happen! For more information, contact Marcus Dorsey: [marcus@covenantpres.net](mailto:marcus@covenantpres.net).

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## Bible Studies and Prayer Groups

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Faith Circle Women's Bible Study meets at the church on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. All ladies are welcome to join us. Contact Pat Brannon with questions: [peb1126@gmail.com](mailto:peb1126@gmail.com)

Wed. 9:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Studying Acts. Contact Jamie Lambert: [jamie@covenantpres.net](mailto:jamie@covenantpres.net)

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## Sunday School Classes and Teachers

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Adults - Kevin Nichols

Youth - Marcus Dorsey

Older Elementary - Stan James

Younger Elementary - Betsy van der Hoek

Pre-K - Nance Dorsey

## **You Are Invited!**

We are a means-of-grace church. By that, we are saying that we believe God uses certain means to enable Christians to receive the benefits of redemption. Our confessions and catechisms state that there are three principal ordinary means of grace and they are the Word of God, the sacraments, and prayer, and these are elements of public worship. Everything that occurs between the Call To Worship and the Benediction is the most important activity the church does all week. In harmony with that proposition, we are committed to the singing of historic, traditional hymns and psalms and we typically preach through books of the Bible. We would love to have you join us each Sunday for morning and evening worship.

**For more information, check us out online at**

[www.covenantpres.net](http://www.covenantpres.net)

**Please don't hesitate to email us with any questions at**

[office@covenantpres.net](mailto:office@covenantpres.net)

### **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.

## **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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