



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

The Lord's Day  
April 28, 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**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go  
Arr. by Albin C. Whitworth

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Jamie Lambert

Christ Is Risen. *He Is Risen Indeed.*

**Call to Worship, 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 100**

Holy, Holy, Holy

**Responsive Reading** Westminster Larger Catechism 38 & 39

38. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?

*It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death, give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favour, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.*

39. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

*It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Adam Peeler

**Offertory**

Sarabande  
Gordon Young

**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 75**

O Father, You are Sovereign

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 13:24-30;36-43

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

**Sermon**

Parables of the Kingdom Part 3

Rev. Jamie Lambert

**Hymn 642**

Be Thou My Vision

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

How Firm A Foundation

Arr. by Don Hustad

# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:30 PM

(Minister | Congregation)

## Call to Worship

Psalm 121:1, 2

I lift my eyes up to the hills. From where does my help come?

*Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

## 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 111

This Is My Father's World

## 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

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 358

For All the Saints

Scripture Reading

Genesis 46

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

Sermon

Seeking the Lord in Anxious Times  
Rev. Adam Peeler

Responsive Reading

Westminster Larger Catechism 171

How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?

*They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.*

## The Lord's Supper

Hymn 30

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Benediction

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

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Pray for Sudan: Pray for church leaders who were interrogated and harassed by officials because of their Christian witness.

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## **The Apostles' Creed**

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\*“he descended into hell” – Jesus received God’s wrath for the elect on the cross (HC 44) and that he truly died (WLC 50).

\*“catholic” means whole or universal, not Roman Catholic

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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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## **Lord’s Supper**

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The Lord’s Supper will be served during morning worship next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Deacon’s Offering Next Sunday, May 5<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, May 5<sup>th</sup>, will go to Real Life Center.

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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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## **Men's Fellowship**

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Join us for our first Men's Fellowship on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for all men to gather, eat dinner, and fellowship. Todd DeBert, the Men's Fellowship Coordinator, will host this group every quarter. If you have any questions, please contact Todd DeBert or Adam Peeler.

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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 meet in the Stillman Center. Be sure to bring an exercise mat for stretching and calisthenics. This ministry will take a break starting in May. 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)

Ladies Prayer Group 24 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the church from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. All ladies are welcome. Contact Carolyn Trousdale at (770) 486-1933 or Peggy Hutcheson at (404) 630-7713 or

[Peggyghutcheson@gmail.com](mailto:Peggyghutcheson@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 & Kevin Johnson

Older Elementary - Stan James

Younger Elementary - Betsy van der Hoek

Pre-K - Nance Dorsey

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# Notes

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## **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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