



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**The Lord's Day**  
**May 5, 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Arr. by Fred Bock

## Chiming of the Hour

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Adam Peeler

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 Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits*

on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn 296** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

**Responsive Reading** Westminster Larger Catechism 40  
40. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

*It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us as the works of the whole person.*

**Pastoral Prayer** Marcus Dorsey

**Offertory Anthem** What Wondrous Love Is This  
Heidi France, Soloist  
Words in Hymnal - Hymn 261

**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** Marcus Dorsey

**Hymn 498** Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 13:31-35

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

**Sermon**

Parables of the Kingdom Part 4

Rev. Jamie Lambert

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

*but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

*Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.*

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

*For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

**The Words of Institution**

Rev. Jamie Lambert

**Communion Anthem**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall!  
O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb  
There' adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

The outer ring is wine. The inner rings are grape juice.

**Hymn**

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery  
See handout

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

To God Be the Glory  
Arr. by J. Christopher Pardini

## EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:30 PM

(Minister | Congregation)

### Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,*

*who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit,*

*who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

### 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 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### Responses From the Gospels

God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

You shall have no other gods before me.

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

*I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak.*

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

*The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.*

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

*For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'*

You shall not murder.

*You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.*

You shall not commit adultery.

*You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

You shall not steal.

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.*

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; for whatever is more than these comes from the evil one.*

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

*Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*

### **Confession of Sin**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Psalm 103:8-14

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Hymn 101**

Come, Thou Almighty King

#### **Scripture Reading**

Genesis 46:28-47:12

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

#### **Sermon**

Our Need For a Savior  
Rev. Adam Peeler

#### **Hymn 598**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#### **Benediction**



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

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Pray for Cuba: Pastors in Cuba ask for prayer that they will continue to stand firm in their faith.

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## **Missionary of the Month**

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Nathan Dicks - Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

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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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## **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 this 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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## 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. Also, our last meeting will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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



## **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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Church office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM