



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The Lord's Day
September 1, 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

Be Thou My Vision
(SLANE)
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

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 14 New Songs of Celebration Render

Responsive Reading Westminster Larger Catechism 60-61

60. Can they who have never heard the gospel, and so know not Jesus Christ, nor believe in him, be saved by their living according to the light of nature?

They who, having never heard the gospel, know not Jesus Christ, and believe not in him, cannot be saved, be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, or the laws of that religion which they profess; neither is there salvation in any other, but in Christ alone, who is the Savior only of his body the church.

61. Are all they saved who hear the gospel, and live in the church?

All that hear the gospel, and live in the visible church, are not saved; but they only who are true members of the church invisible.

Pastoral Prayer Marcus Dorsey

Offertory My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
(RESIGNATION)
Arr. by Dale Wood

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 713

Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:1-6

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

Sermon

The Greatest
Rev. Adam Peeler

Responsive Reading

Heidelberg Catechism 1, 2

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.

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

The Words of Institution

Rev. Jamie Lambert

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

Hymn 693
Benediction
Postlude

Blessed Assurance

The Solid Rock
Arr. by Lana Kelley

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 115

All Creatures of Our God and King

Responses From the Psalms

And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God

You shall have no other gods before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

You shall not make for yourself an idol You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

You shall not murder.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God . . . blot out my transgressions.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Save me from all my transgressions.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 402

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

Scripture Reading

1 John 2:18-27

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Sermon

What do you know?

Kevin Nichols

Hymn 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Benediction

Prayer for the Persecuted Church from Voice of the Martyrs

Pray for Colombia: Pray that front-line workers distributing Bibles in the "red zones" will be undetected by rebel groups.

Children in Worship

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.

Deacon's Offering

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 today Sunday, September 1st, will go to the Southwest Christian Hospice.

Congregational Meeting

The Session is calling for a congregational meeting September 8, 2024. The stated purpose is to update the congregation on the state of the church including the financial situation and needed projects for the building.

Pastor Lambert Scholarship Fund

Covenant has created a scholarship fund to assist Pastor Lambert with tuition and fees for his Doctor of Ministry program at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. 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.

Wednesday Night Family Ministry

All families are invited to our Wednesday Night Family Ministry, starting this coming Wednesday, Sept. 4th, from 4:30-6:00 pm. Every first and third Wednesday of each month we will meet for a meal, a lesson, and fun activities! For more information, contact Marcus Dorsey at marcus@covenantpres.net

Faith Circle

Faith Circle will meet September 10th at 10 am at the church. Women of any age are invited to attend for a Bible study and fellowship. Contact Pat Brannon with any questions or need transportation.

Men's Wednesday Bible Group

Wed. 9:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study. Studying Ephesians. Contact Jamie Lambert: jamie@covenantpres.net

Sunday School Classes and Teachers

Adults - Jamie Lambert
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

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

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