



COVENANT  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**The Lord's Day**  
**September 3, 2023**

**Verse of the Year**

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Matthew 28:18-20**

# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | 11:00 AM

(Minister | Congregation)

## 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 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.*

**Trinity Hymnal 92**

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**Responsive Reading**

**Shorter Catechism 76-78**

Which is the ninth commandment?

*The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*

What is required in the ninth commandment?

*The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness-bearing.*

What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

*The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.*

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Jim Coleman**

**Offertory**

**Maggie Blount**

**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. Jamie Lambert**

**Trinity Hymnal 521**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 8:28-34**

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

**Sermon**

**Sovereignty of Jesus Christ**

**Rev. Jamie Lambert**

**Heidelberg Catechism 76 & 81**

What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his shed blood?

*First, to accept with a believing heart all the suffering and the death of Christ, and so receive forgiveness of sins and life eternal.*

*Second, to be united more and more to his sacred body through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us. Therefore, although Christ is in heaven and we are on earth, yet we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone, and we forever live and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.*

Who are to come to the table of the Lord?

*Those who are truly displeased with themselves because of their sins and yet trust that these are forgiven them and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and amend their life. But hypocrites and those who do not repent eat and drink judgment upon themselves.*

**The Words of Institution**

**Rev. Jamie Lambert**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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

Trinity Hymnal 94  
Benediction  
Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Maggie Blount

# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:30 PM

(Minister | Congregation)

## Call to Worship

Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said to me,

*“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”*

## 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.*

## Trinity Hymnal 36

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

## 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

Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Pastoral Prayer

Trinity Hymnal 359

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:9-11

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

## Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Jamie Lambert

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.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Trinity Hymnal 407**    The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended

**Benediction**



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

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Pray for Ethiopia: Pray that the 20,000 kids who will receive their first children's Bible this year will encounter Christ.

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## **Accompanist**

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Our organist and pianist of 27 years, Marty Alexander, is on a sabbatical. Our musician today is Maggie Blount.

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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. If your little one starts getting loud, we have a training room available and a lobby with comfortable chairs and speakers. Nursery is available for 0-3 year olds.

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## **Deacon's Offering**

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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, September 3rd, will go to Southwest Christian Hospice.

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## **Wednesday Night Children's Ministry**

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All families with children are invited to our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry from 4:30-5:30 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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## Youth Fellowship

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This Sunday, September 3rd, following the evening worship service, all youth are invited to our Youth Fellowship. There will be food and fun games! 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 will resume September 12 (and meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month) at 10 a.m. at the church. We will be Studying 2 Corinthians at the September meeting. All ladies are welcome to join us. Contact Pat Brannon with questions: [peb1126@gmail.com](mailto:peb1126@gmail.com)

First and Third Wed. Women's Zoom Bible Study. 3:00 p.m. Studying Matthew 5:1-12. Laurel De Bert [laurelqb@gmail.com](mailto:laurelqb@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 - Christianity & Liberalism by J. Gresham Machen-  
Kevin Nichols

Adults - Westminster Larger Catechism - Michel van der Hoek

Youth - Marcus Dorsey

Older Elementary - Stan James

Younger Elementary - Betsy van der Hoek

Pre-K - Nance Dorsey



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James Barksdale, Ron Barksdale, Steve Clark,  
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