



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

The Lord's Day
September 8, 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(ST. DENIO)

Arr. by Mark Hayes

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

Psalm 103:1-5

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 302

Come, Christians, Joint to Sing

Responsive Reading

Westminster Larger Catechism 62-63

62. What is the visible church?

The visible church is a society made up of all such as in all ages and places of the world do profess the true religion, and of their children.

63. What are the special privileges of the visible church?

The visible church hath the privilege of being under God's special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ to all the members of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whosoever believes in him shall be saved, and excluding none that will come unto him.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Adam Peeler

Offertory

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Kevin Johnson, Baritone

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 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:7-14

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

Sermon

Radical Living
Rev. Jamie Lambert

Hymn 660

O God beyond All Praising

Benediction

Postlude

This is My Father's World (TERRA BEATA)
Arr. by Mark Thallander

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:30 PM

(Minister | Congregation)

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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 310

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:16-23

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

Sermon

A Better Way to Live

Rev. Adam Peeler

Responsive Reading

Heidelberg Catechism 79

Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood, and why does Paul speak of a participation in the body and blood of Christ?

Christ speaks in this way for a good reason:

He wants to teach us by his supper

that as bread and wine sustain us in this temporal life,

so his crucified body and shed blood

are true food and drink for our souls to eternal life.

But, even more important,

he wants to assure us by this visible sign and pledge,

*first, that through the working of the Holy Spirit
we share in his true body and blood
as surely as we receive with our mouth
these holy signs in remembrance of him,
and, second, that all his suffering and obedience
are as certainly ours as if we personally
had suffered and paid for our sins.*

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 441

Jesus Shall Reign

Benediction

Prayer for the Persecuted Church from Voice of the Martyrs

Pray for Cuba: Pray for new ways to get print Bibles into the country and alleviate the current shortage.

The Apostles' Creed

*“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

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.

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.

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.

Cross-Youth Fellowship

Cross-Youth Fellowship will be on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 2:00-4:00 pm at Covenant! There will be snacks, fun games, and a devotional. For more information, contact Marcus Dorsey: marcus@covenantpres.net.

Wednesday Night Family Ministry

All families are invited to our Wednesday Night Family Ministry, 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

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

Notes

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

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.

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