

Morning Worship – 10:45 AM	
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP	
<i>Please be seated by 10:45 for the announcements</i>	
Silent Preparation	
<i>During the few minutes before the service begins, the congregation is invited to a moment of silent and prayerful preparation for worship.</i>	
Welcome and Announcements	
<i>Visitors, please complete the Visitor Card located in the rack in front of you. by filling it out and placing it in the offering plate when it comes by during the Collection of Tithes and Offerings. You may also do so by scanning the QR code and completing a digital card online.</i>	
Musical Prelude	
ADORATION OF GOD	
Call to Worship	Psalm 150:1–2, 6
*Hymn of Praise	Give Praise to God <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #220)</i>
*Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer	
<i>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.</i>	
*Confession of Faith	Apostles’ Creed
<i>I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living 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.</i>	
CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 17:1–7 <i>(Pew Bible Page 59)</i>
Confession of Sin (Silent)	
Assurance of God’s Pardoning Grace	Isaiah 43:1–3
Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.	
* Congregation Standing	

Welcome of New Members	<i>Alex, Daphne, and Marcus Mann Taylor and Alayna Wadell Sam and Hannah Yoho</i>
*Psalm of Thanksgiving	Psalm 130 <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #130A)</i>
Prayer of Intercession and Dedication	
Collection of Tithes and Offerings	
*Anthem	O the Deep, Unbounded Riches <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #226)</i>
PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH	
Scripture Reading	Romans 11:33–36 <i>(Pew Bible Page 947)</i>
Prayer of Illumination	
Sermon	Rev. Sean McCann <i>Senior Pastor</i>
“To Him Be Glory Forever” <i>(Romans: Christ our Righteousness, 36)</i>	
*Hymn of Preparation	How Deep the Father’s Love for Us <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #351, Verses 1–2)</i>
The Lord’s Supper†	
<i>Invitation and Fencing of the Table Prayer of Consecration Words of Institution Distribution of the Elements Prayer of Thanksgiving</i>	
RESPONSE AND BLESSING	
*Hymn of Response	How Deep the Father’s Love for Us <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #351, Verse 3)</i>
*Benediction	
*Postlude	
† <i>The bread served for the Lord’s Supper in the white paper liner is gluten-free The clear cups are wine; the tinted cups are juice</i>	
* Congregation Standing	

Verb Moods in Romans
Have you ever noticed how the surface of the highway changes when you cross a state line? Sometimes it gets smoother, sometimes bumpier, and sometimes you are not sure what exactly happened, but something feels different. As we turn to a new section in Romans, something feels different! Starting at Chapter 12, it is as if we have crossed a state line.
Pauline scholars have long noted that Paul follows a common structure in his letters. He begins with an opening that includes his name and the name of the person or church to whom he is writing, and usually some form of “grace” and/or “peace to you.” From there he turns to thanksgiving for the addressee before entering the body of the letter. At the closing, he includes personal greetings, a wish of peace, and a benediction of grace. This generally follows the Hellenistic letter format of the day, except for how Paul divides the body of his letters: he starts with a doctrinal section (in Romans, Chapters 1:18-11:36), then moves to a “hortatory” - i.e., advising and urging - section (Romans 12:1-16:23). Most of his letters break down this way, and it is here where the change is most notable.
So, what is changing exactly? Most of the verbs in Romans 1:18-11:36 appear in the <i>indicative</i> mood, that is, they are statements about what God has done. From Romans 12:1 onward, however, the verb changes to the <i>imperative</i> mood; that is, they are statements about what we are to do. Sinclair Ferguson notes that though we can make application from the first section of Romans, very few of the 315 verses in Chapters 1-11 contain imperatives:
Of course we can draw all kinds of implications for and applications to our lives from these eleven chapters. But in terms of actual imperatives? You will find them in an English translation such as the ESV only in Romans 6:12, 13, 19; and 11:18, 20, 22. In essence Paul devotes 308 out of 315 verses to a sustained exposition of what God has done, and only then does he open the flood-gates and let loose a flood of imperatives. (There are more than 20 of them in chapter 12 alone.)
Paul does not simply divide one mood from the other; rather he rests how we are to live as Christians (imperative) on the foundation of what God has already done for us in Christ (indicative). In the words of Herman Ridderbos: every imperative of Scripture rests on the indicative, and the order is not reversible. The news of the gospel is indicative: “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 5:1). Our response to that gospel is imperative: “present your bodies as a living sacrifice” (Rom 12:1). Ferguson goes on:
Clearly Paul believed in the necessity of exhortations, commands, and imperatives. And his are all-embracing and all-demanding. But the rigorous nature of his imperatives is rooted in his profound exposition of God's grace. He expects the fruit of obedience because he has dug down deeply to plant its roots in the rich soil of grace. The weightier the indicatives the more demanding the imperatives they are able to support. The more powerful the proclamation of grace the more rigorous the commands it can sustain.
Our Romans road has changed, and it may take a bit to get used to. But as we move ahead in the coming months with lots of commands and exhortations, let us never forget the glorious indicatives of Romans 1-11.

Welcome Visitors! We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. We are delighted you are here and we are available to answer any questions you may have about our worship service, our church, or even the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you have children they are most welcome in our worship service, and we also provide a nursery for children up to 3 years of age. **Please complete the Visitor Card located in the rack in front of you by scanning the QR code, or by filling it out and placing it in the offering plate when it comes by later in the service.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord's Supper: Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper at the end of our morning worship service. This sacrament consists of giving and receiving bread and wine (or juice) to show forth the death of Jesus and receive spiritual nourishment. The Lord's Supper is open to everyone who has confessed their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, provided that they have received Christian baptism, are members in good standing in a Bible believing church, and who are not living with secret or unrepentant sin. If you have any questions about these restrictions then please speak with a pastor or elder after the service, we would love to discuss them with you.

Fellowship Meal: We will gather for a Fellowship Lunch today following the worship service. If you are a visitor, we would love for you to stay and fellowship with us. There will be no evening service this evening.

Second Breakfast: Our next men’s breakfast gathering is this Saturday, August 8 from 8:00–10:00 am. Our speaker for this event will be Pastor Jim Curtis.

August Picnic: Our third and final picnic for the summer will be Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 pm at Roy Pope Memorial Park (45 Jonestown Rd, Woodfin, NC 28804). More details to come. Our regular Wednesday night prayer gathering resumes on September 9.

Youth Pool Party (Rescheduled): On Friday, August 14, the CRPC youth group is invited to the home of Jerry and Bonnie Golden for a pool party! Dinner will be provided. 5:00—8:00 pm.

Women’s Book Study: The third and final women’s book discussion gathering for the summer will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 –11:00 am.

Missionary of the Month: Rev. Tom Smith and his wife Mylicah serve with Mission To the World as missionaries to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Cherokee, North Carolina. They are part of Grace Community Church, and have twin sons, Nathanael and Elijah. The Smith’s primary ministry focus is outreach, evangelism, and discipleship in the Qualla boundary of the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

Find Us Online: You can find and follow Covenant Reformed’s social media channels by searching for us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Today
12:15 pm:
Fellowship Meal
Tuesday, August 4
9:30 am:
Women’s Prayer & Sermon
Question Discussion at Carol
Esther Belz’s Home
Thursday, August 6
7:30 am:
R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone

Saturday, August 8
8:00 am :
Men’s Breakfast
Sunday, August 9
9:30 am:
Sunday School
10:45 am:
Morning Worship
6:00 pm:
Evening Worship

CURRENT AND UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, August 2
Greeters:
Lesley & Adam Roper
Hall Monitor:
Patrick Hickey
Nursery:
9:30 am:
Danette & Jim Lowery
10:45 am:
Liz Tannenbaum
Ann Sprinkle
Henry Tannenbaum

Sunday, August 9
Greeters:
Joy Voigt & Jeanne Quinn
Hall Monitor:
Jerry Golden
Nursery:
9:30 am:
Lisa & Andrew Shelton
10:45 am:
Theresa Wallace
Jennifer McHone
Solomon Eckley
6:00 pm:
Suzanne & David McCullough
Anna McCann

August Deacons on Duty:
Carl Tannenbaum
Noe McHone
Drew Lefevre (Usher)

Submit bulletin items to office@covenantreformed.net by noon on Thursdays.

If you have a prayer request, please speak to a pastor or elder, call the church office at 828-253-6578, or e-mail prayer@covenantreformed.net

Senior Pastor: Sean McCann
Associate Pastor: Jim Curtis
Pastoral Interns: Micaiah Liner, David Livernois
Administrative Assistant: David Livernois
Office Hours: 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Tuesday—Friday

Elders: Ben Badgley, Rob Cook, Gordon Meiners, Tom Voigt, Tim Wallace.
Emeritus: Mike Cate

Deacons: Grey Dixon, Drew Lefevre, Noe McHone, Carl Tannenbaum
Deacons’ Helper: Zach Voigt
Nursery Coordinator: Deborah Linton



THE LORD’S DAY
AUGUST 2, 2026

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come—
this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus*

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