

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please be seated by 10:45 for the announcements

Silent Preparation

During the few minutes before the service begins, the congregation is invited to a moment of silent and prayerful preparation for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors please fill out the Visitor Card in the rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate during the Collection of Tithes and Offerings.

Musical Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

Psalm 117:1-2

***Hymn of Praise**

O God beyond All Praising
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #241)

***Prayer of 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

Scripture Reading

Ten Commandments

Minister: 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.

All:

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me.*
- 2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.*
- 3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.*
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.*
- 6. You shall not kill.*
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.*
- 8. You shall not steal.*
- 9. You shall not bear false witness.*
- 10. You shall not covet.*

(Exodus 20:1-17)

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
(Matthew 22:37-40)

**Congregation Standing*

Confession of Sin (Silent)

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
(Ephesians 1:7)

***Psalm of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 5
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #5)

Prayer of Dedication

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

***Gloria Patri**

(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #572)

*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.*

PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:22-27
(Pew Bible Page 823)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

"Death and Taxes"
(Matthew: God with Us, 50)

***Hymn of Preparation**

There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #340)

The Lord's Supper †

*Invitation and Fencing of the Table
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving*

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

***Hymn of Response**

In Christ Alone
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #265)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Congregation Standing*

†The bread we serve for the Lord's Supper is gluten-free.

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 fill out the Visitor Card located in the rack in front of you and place 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.

Evening Installation: We will gather again as a congregation for worship tonight at 6:00 pm, at which we will formally install Jim Curtis as our Associate Pastor. All are invited to join us again as we hear from God in his word, bring our burdens to him in prayer, and respond to his gospel in song.

March Psalm of the Month: This month we will be learning to sing Psalm 5 from the *Psalter Hymnal*. Psalm 5 is an individual lament that calls upon our just God to hear our prayers as we take refuge in him. It points us to Jesus as the King of Righteousness and the one in whom we take refuge. The tune is ABERYSTWYTH, familiar to you from the hymn "Jesus, Lover of my Soul." To see the lyrics and listen to the tune, go to www.trinitypsalterhymnal.org and search for Psalm 5.

Membership Matters Class: If you have been visiting Covenant Reformed and are interested in pursuing church membership, or if you just want to find out more about our church and what we believe, you are invited to attend our Membership Matters Class, taught by Pastors Sean and Jim. The class will be taught on Sunday mornings beginning March 26. To register for the class, please get in touch with the church office (828-253-6578 or office@covenantreformed.net).

Sunday School Coffee: If you would like to help prepare the coffee before Sunday school, the newest sign-up sheet for April-June is located in the fellowship hall. Feel free to contact Lisa Shelton or Theresa Wallace with any questions. Directions are posted in the kitchen near the coffee.

Schedule for the Week of April 3:

- No Wednesday evening activities on April 5
- Good Friday service with the Lord's Supper on April 7 at 6 pm
- No evening worship on April 9, Easter Sunday

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

TODAY, March 19
6:00 pm—Evening Worship

TUESDAY, March 21
9:30 am—Women's discussion of Sunday morning sermons at Gail Albee's home.

WEDNESDAY, March 22
6:00 pm—Supper
6:45 pm—Prayer, Bible Study, and Lessons for Children

THURSDAY, March 23
7:45 am—R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone Restaurant, Tunnel Road
10:00 am—Women's Bible Study at the church.
7:00 pm—Women's Bible Study at the church.

SUNDAY, March 26
9:30 am—Sunday School
10:45 am—Morning Worship
6:00 pm—Evening Worship

DUTY ROSTERS:

SUNDAY, March 19
Greeters: Jim Albee
Gail Albee
Security: Gordon Meiners
Counting/Lockup:
David McCullough
Grey Dixon

Nursery:
9:30 am: Willy Woodard
Bonnie Golden
10:45 am: Ann Sprinkle
Ben Badgley
Julian Eckley
6:00 pm: David McCullough
Suzanne McCullough

WEDNESDAY, March 22
Nursery: Jerry Golden
Bonnie Golden
Security: Gordon Meiners

SUNDAY, March 26
Greeters: Leroy Anderson
Cherie Anderson
Security: Colin O'Brien
Counting/Lockup:
David McCullough
Grey Dixon

Nursery:
9:30 am: Theresa Wallace
Lannae Graham
10:45 am: Lindsey McCann
Dona Barnett
Anna McCann
6:00 pm: Rebekah Woodard
Elizabeth Tannenbaum

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 ceb392@mac.com and it will be added to our church prayer list and remembered during our Prayer of Intercession.

Senior Pastor: Sean McCann
Assistant Pastor: Jim Curtis
Pastoral Intern: Wilson Goins
Administrative Assistant: Lannae Graham
Office Hours: 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Tuesday—Friday
Elders: Rob Cook, Gordon Meiners, Tom Voigt, Tim Wallace
Emeritus: Joel Belz, Mike Cate
Deacons: Rich Bishop (on leave), Grey Dixon, David McCullough, Stephen Tallman
Emeritus: Eb Preuninger
Deacons' Helper: Zach Voigt
Nursery Coordinator: Rebekah Woodard



COVENANT
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 19, 2023

*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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