Morning Worship – 10:45 AM

## 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 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.*

**Musical Prelude**

## Adoration of God

**Call to Worship** Psalm 99:1–3

***Hymn of Praise** For All the Saints
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #408)*

***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 Faith** Apostles' Creed

*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.*

## Confession of Sin and Thanksgiving

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 23:10–19
*(Pew Bible Page 64)*

**Confession of Sin (Silent)**

**Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace** Romans 8:1–2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

** Congregation Standing*

***Psalm of Thanksgiving** Psalm 81
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #81A)*

**Prayer of Intercession and 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** Romans 16:1–16
*(Pew Bible Page 950)*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon** Rev. Sean McCann
*Senior Pastor*

"Greetings in Christ"
*(Romans: Christ our Righteousness, 49)*

***Hymn of Preparation** Before the Throne of God Above
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #277, Verses 1–2)*

**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** Before the Throne of God Above
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #277, Verse 3)*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*† 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*

** Congregation Standing*

## Welcome Wall

One of the strengths of our church has always been the warm welcome we extend to visitors. While we have official greeters each Sunday, so many of you take on the joyful responsibility of seeking out and welcoming new faces. It is a privilege to pastor a church that takes the words of Paul seriously: "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Rom 15:7).

To that end, we want to equip you in this valuable ministry by providing resources designed for visitors. We have created a "Welcome Wall" in the church foyer filled with pamphlets, brochures, and booklets that introduce the theology and ministry of our church. The first way we hope these resources are used is for Sunday visitors. As you meet visitors and learn where they are coming from, direct them to the wall, recommend a particular resource, and make sure they go home with a handful! Secondly, we want you to take these and give them away to your family, friends, and neighbors. As you invite folks to church, or explain the highlights of Reformed theology and ministry, place something in their hands that they can read and consider. Everything on the wall is free and designed to be given away, so please make use of it!

We hope you take a moment to check out the resources yourself, but here is a quick overview of what is in stock:

**The Saltshaker** - We started our church newsletter ten years ago to be a tool that grows and galvanizes our members around the vision and values of our church. Its mission is to produce interesting and persuasive content on the themes that best reflect our values in order to form our collective mind and compel us towards our mission as a church. A copy arrives in your mailbox every two months, and we provide extra copies here on the wall. After you read your copy, think of someone to whom you could pass it along.

**The Westminster Standards** - This booklet contains the theological confession of our church and denomination, the PCA. It includes *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, together with the *Larger* and *Shorter Catechisms.* If you want to know what we believe, here it is in succinct form.

**CRPC Literature**

- *Church Brochure:* This beautiful blue brochure contains introductory information about our church and theology. It is the perfect resource to keep in your purse or car and give to someone when you invite them to church.
- *Covenant Windows Brochure:* We have refreshed this brochure about the stained-glass covenant windows in our sanctuary. Not only does this explain a bit of our local church history, but it is also a helpful introduction and overview of covenant theology.
- *Worship at Covenant Reformed:* You will recognize this card from our pew racks that explains our worship liturgy and walks through each element in our order of service. We hope this is helpful, especially for those visitors who are new to Reformed worship.

We are indebted to Taylor and Alayna Waddell for the artistic design and development of these brochures. As we are increasingly flooded with social media influences and AI design everywhere we look, the beauty of the human touch and physical invitation resonates like never before.

**Basics of Faith Booklets** - Published by P&R Publishing, the *Basics of the Faith* booklets introduce readers to basic Reformed doctrine and practice. I am particularly excited about the titles *How Our Children Come to Faith, Why Do We Baptize Infants?*, and *What Is the Lord's Supper?*

We have tried to fill this wall with helpful and practical resources, so if you think of any other topics or questions that would equip you to greet, welcome, and invite visitors, please do not hesitate to let us know. We hope that we regularly need to restock this wall, and we pray that each piece of paper and resource handed out will go forth with the blessing of God and not return void.

**Welcome Visitors!** We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshiping 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. There will be no evening worship service this evening.

**Fellowship Meal:** We will enjoy a shared meal today in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. If you are visiting with us, we would love to have you stay and join us for this meal!

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:** Join us this Wednesday at 6:00 pm for dinner, followed at 6:45 with a time of prayer, a Bible study and singing of Psalm 80, youth group, children's classes, and nursery.

**ABCCM Event:** Our church is hosting a public listening session on Thursday November 12 at 7:00 pm for ABBCM's new Executive Director candidate, Brandon Wilson. Anyone interested may attend.

**Second Breakfast:** Our next men's breakfast gathering is Saturday, November 14 from 8:00–10:00 am. Our speaker for this event will be MTW missionary Rev. Tom Smith of Grace Community Church, a church plant in Cherokee, NC.

**Youth Game/Movie Night:** Friday, November 20, 6:00-8:30 pm. Our youth will gather at the Zetterholm's office space (40 Smith Valley Road Alexander, NC 28701) for games and a movie on the big screen. Smores over the fire pit and dinner will be provided. Bring a friend!

**Operation Christmas Child:** There is still time to pick up boxes and information and pack fun filled shoeboxes that will bring joy and the gospel to needy children around the world. We will collect your gift-filled shoeboxes on Sunday, November 15. For questions or more information, contact Bonnie Cook (828-779-1962; weavervillecooks@gmail.com). Use the QR code printed to the right to view another OCC video.

**Missionary of the Month:** Since 1904, Black Mountain Home for Children (BHMC) has sought to glorify God by caring for children, youth, and families. They do this by seeking to provide a comprehensive continuum of care for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, abandonment, or trauma. Their services include community-based foster care, campus-based cottage care, and programs for independent living, apprenticeships, and lifelong living. Pray the Lord will provide more Christ-centered foster families for this important work. To learn more, visit blackmountainhome.org.

## This Week's Calendar

**Today, November 1**
**12:15 pm:**
Fellowship Meal

**Tuesday, November 3**
**10:00am:**
Women's Bible Study
Classroom # 7

**Wednesday, November 4**
**6:00 pm**:
Supper, Prayer, Bible Study, Youth Group & Lessons for Children

**Thursday, November 5**
**7:30 am**:
R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone

**Sunday, November 8**
**9:30 am**:
Sunday School
**10:45 am**:
Morning Worship
**6:00 pm:**
Evening Worship

## Current and Upcoming Volunteers

**Sunday, November 1**
**Greeters:**
Carol & Norm Bomer

**Hall Monitor:**
Evan Linton

**Nursery:**
**9:30 am:**
Danette & Jim Lowery
**10:45 am:**
Bekah Woodard
Jeanne Quinn
Julian Eckley

**Sunday, November 8**
**Greeters:**
Debbie & Mike Cate

**Hall Monitor:**
Colin O'Brien

**Nursery:**
**9:30 am:**
Joy Voigt & Emily Dillingham
**10:45 am:**
Jennifer McHone
Liz Tannenbaum
Henry Tannenbaum
**6:00 pm:**
Suzanne & David McCullough
Anna McCann

**Wednesday, November 4**
**Nursery:**
Lindsey McCann
Willy Woodard

**Hall Monitor:**
Jim Albee

**October Deacons on Duty:**
Noe McHone
Carl Tannenbaum
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

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# The Lord's Day
## November 1, 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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