

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 96:7-9

\*Hymn of Praise

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken  
(Trinity Hymnal #345)

\*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

1 Thessalonians 4  
(Pew Bible Page 987)

Confession of Sin (Silent)

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

(Psalm 130:3-4)

\*Congregation Standing

\*Psalm of Thanksgiving

Psalm 8

Trinity Psalter  
Elements from The Psalter, 1912

Psalm 8

AMSTERDAM 7.6.7.6.7.7.6.  
Johann Georg Hille, 1739

Musical notation for Psalm 8, first system. Chords: D, A/C#, Bm, A, D, A, D, D/F#, G, D/F#, A/E, D, A. Lyrics: 1. LORD, our Lord, in all the earth how ex - cel - lent Your name!

Musical notation for Psalm 8, second system. Chords: D, A/C#, Bm, A, D, A, D, D/F#, G, D/F#, A/E, D, A. Lyrics: 2. When I view the skies a - bove which Your own fin - gers made, 3. Next to God You have made man, with light and hon - or crowned.

Musical notation for Psalm 8, third system. Chords: D/F#, G, D, G, D/F#, A/C#, A, D, A/C#, A/E, D, A, A7. Lyrics: 2 From the mouths of in - fants young You the power of praise com - pose 4 what is man so frail and weak that You should re - mem - ber him? 7 ox - en, sheep, and all wild beasts, 8 birds, and fish the o - ceans claim.

Musical notation for Psalm 8, fourth system. Chords: D, A/C#, Bm, A, D, A, D, D/F#, G, D/A, A7, D. Lyrics: in the face of en - e - mies to stop a - veng - ing foes. What can be the son of man that You should care for him? 9 LORD, our Lord, in all the earth how ex - cel - lent Your name!

Prayer of Dedication

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

\*Gloria Patri

(Trinity Hymnal #735)

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.

\*Congregation Standing

PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH

Scripture Reading

Esther 2:19-3:6  
(Pew Bible Page 411)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Jim Curtis  
Assistant Pastor

“Plotting In Vain, Pt. 1”

\*Hymn of Preparation

Rock of Ages  
(Trinity Hymnal #500, 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

Rock of Ages  
(Trinity Hymnal #500, verses 3-4)

\*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.

**Pastor Sabbatical:** Pastor Sean is on Sabbatical from June 27 to September 26. For any pastoral needs or concerns during this time, please contact Pastor Jim Curtis, one of the ruling elders, or the church office. Pastor Sean will return to the pulpit on October 2.

**Shepherding Groups Next Week:** These groups will all meet today following morning worship.

**Cate**—will join the Voigt group meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Bring food to share. Visitors are welcome to join us.

**Cook**—8 Twin Hills Drive, Weaverville, NC 28787. Bread and beverages will be provided; bring main dishes, salads, vegetables, fruit, or dessert to share.

**Meiners**—at the clubhouse in Drew Lefevre's neighborhood. Park Avenue neighborhood off Sweeten Creek Road (15 Clubhouse Ct; Asheville; 28803). Bring picnic style food to share with the group.

**Voigt**—in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. Bring food to share. Visitors are most welcome to join us.

**Wallace**—31 Meadowbrook Drive, Fletcher, NC 28732. They will provide Boston Butt Off the Egg, and grits. Bring other dishes to share.

**Officer Nominations:** It is that time of year again! The Session is seeking names of qualified men to serve Covenant Reformed as Ruling Elders and Deacons. We are opening a time of nomination from today, Sunday, July 24th through August 21st. Please note: **you must confirm with each nominee their willingness to be nominated.** You can find nomination forms on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please place completed forms in the box next to the forms. Mark Baker has completed his first term as a deacon and is eligible for re-election.

**Women's Ministry:** Save the Date! The Highlands Presbytery Women's Ministry 2022 Fall Retreat will be October 21st & 22nd at Ridge Haven Camp and Conference Center in Brevard, NC. Vanessa Hawkins will be teaching on "Strength and Courage for the Weary Woman."

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

**TODAY, August 7**

**12:30 pm**—Shepherding Groups

**TUESDAY, August 9**

**9:30 am**—Women's Prayer and discussion of Sunday morning sermons at Gail Albee's home.

**WEDNESDAY, August 10**

**6:00 pm**—Supper

**6:45 pm**—Prayer, Bible Study, and Lessons for Children

**THURSDAY, August 11**

**7:45 am**—R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone Restaurant, Tunnel Road

**SUNDAY, August 14**

**9:30 am**—Sunday School

**10:45 am**—Morning Worship

**6:00 pm**—Evening Worship

### DUTY ROSTER:

#### GREETERS:

**Today:** Tom & Zach Voigt

**Next Week:** Tim & Theresa Wallace

#### SECURITY:

**Today:** David McCullough

**Wednesday:** Willy Woodard

**Next Week:** Tom Voigt

#### COUNTING/LOCKUP:

**This Month:** Mark Baker & David McCullough

#### NURSERY:

**Today: August 7**

**9:30 am:** Theresa Wallace & Cathy O'Brien

**10:45 am:** Lisa Shelton & Dona Barnett

**10:45 am Student Assistant:** Nell O'Brien

**Wednesday, August 10**

**6:45 pm:** Rachel & Ben Badgley

**Next Week: August 14**

**9:30 am:** Bonnie Golden & Willy Woodard

**10:45 am:** Lou Bishop & Liz Tannenbaum

**10:45 am Student Assistant:** Henry Tannenbaum

**6:00 pm:** David & Suzanne McCullough



**COVENANT**  
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

# THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 7, 2022

*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*

Submit bulletin items to [office@covenantreformed.net](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Mike Cate (Emeritus), Rob Cook, Gordon Meiners, Tom Voigt, Tim Wallace

**Deacons:** Mark Baker, Rich Bishop, David McCullough, Eb Preuninger (Emeritus)

**Deacons' Helper:** Zach Voigt

**Nursery Coordinator:** Rebekah Woodard

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