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 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 95:1–3

*Hymn of Praise Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (Trinity Psalter Hymnal #299)

*Prayer of Invocation

*Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1 Minister: People of God, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26–38

(Pew Bible Page 49)

Confession of Sin

From Psalm 79

Do not remember against us our former iniquities; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

Psalm 103:11–13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a Father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him

*Psalm of Thanksgiving

* Congregation Standing

Psalm 121

(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #121A)

Prayer of Dedication

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #568)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Jim Curtis

Associate Pastor

*Hymn of Preparation

Speak, O Lord (Trinity Psalter Hymnal #172)

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:4 (Pew Bible Page 1018)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann Senior Pastor

"Precious Promises" (Advent: Precious Promises 1)

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

*Hymn of Response

How Firm a Foundation (Trinity Psalter Hymnal #243)

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Congregation Standing

Evening Worship — 6:00 PM

Call to Worship

*Psalm of Adoration

Psalm 92

(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #92A)

*Prayer of Invocation

*Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Trinity Psalter Hymnal, Page 852)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 18:1–19 (Pew Bible Page 299)

Sermon

Mr. Micaiah Liner

Pastoral Intern

"A Storm Is Brewing"
(1 Kings: The Kingdom Divided, 10)

The Lord's Supper†

* Communion Hymn

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #340)

*Communion Hymn

In Christ Alone (Trinity Psalter Hymnal #265)

*Benediction

- We are using a different Lord's Supper liturgy this evening to emphasize both the personal nature of the sacrament (by taking the elements individually) and the corporate nature (by singing together during the meal). The elders will hold the elements at the front of the sanctuary and we will proceed to them to partake individually. When partaking of the elements, please feel free to take your time.
- We invite you to come forward by the order of your row, starting with those seated on the piano side of the sanctuary. Once they have all gone forward, then the other side of the sanctuary will come forward by rows. Please proceed down the middle aisle towards the elders who are holding the elements. You are invited to pause to eat the bread and drink the cup, and then proceed back to your seat down the outside aisles. If you need physical assistance, please speak to one of the elders or deacons before the service.
- We understand that there are a variety of reasons that may prevent you from coming forward to partake. Please feel free to remain in your seat and to join us in song together.
- 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.

[†] 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 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 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

Evening Worship: We will gather again as a congregation for worship tonight at 6:00 pm. 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. Mr. Liner will be continuing our sermon series though 1 Kings. This evening, we will also be celebrating the Lord's Supper.

Next Sunday: We will serve the Lord's Supper next Sunday morning December, 7. There will be no evening service.

ABCCM Collection: Remember to bring canned goods and staples for Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry next Sunday, to put in the collection box by the door in the Fellowship Hall.

The Quest for the Perfect Church: Join us for our new adult Sunday School class that explores the range of churches within the Christian tradition and evaluates the impulses that drive us to them. Pastor Sean will teach this five-week course aimed at helping you address the challenges of other traditions and appreciate the strengths of our own Presbyterian and Reformed tradition.

"Precious Promises" Sermon Series: Next Sunday, December 7, we will pause in our study of Romans to look at some of the great promises found in Scripture. Entitled "Precious Promises" (from 2 Peter 1:4, our first text), this series will draw from the deep wells of God's promises of pardon, protection, and provision, and culminate on Christmas Eve in a reflection on how all the promises of God are Yes and Amen in Jesus Christ.

Children's Christmas Eve Choir: The children of the church (2-year-olds—5th grade) will sing a choral piece at the Christmas Eve service. The children will practice during the first ten minutes of the Sunday School hour on December 7, 14, and 21. Please try to have your kids on time for Sunday school to help the teachers not miss too much of their teaching time. If you have any questions, contact Lindsey McCann (lmccann24@gmail.com).

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party: The youth ministry will be throwing our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party on Friday, December 12th. Save the date. More details to come!

Christmas Eve Service: Join us on Sunday, December 24, at 5:00 pm for our annual candlelight Christmas Eve service. This service of Lessons and Carols is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor who might not feel comfortable attending a regular worship service.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, November 30 Sunday, December 7

6:00 pm: 9:30 am:
Evening Worship Sunday School
Tuesday, December 2
9:30 am:
Morning Worship

Women's sermon discussion and prayer at Gail Albee's home

Thursday, December 4

7:30 am:

R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone



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CURRENT AND UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, November 30

Greeters:

Bonnie & Jerry Golden

Hall Monitor:Noe McHone

Nursery: 9:30 am:

Deborah Linton Carol Bomer

10:45 am:

Theresa Wallace Lindsey McCann Anna McCann

6:00 pm: Sara Liner

> Dorothy Dillingham Stella Dillingham

Sunday, December 7

Greeters:

Elaine & George Goosmann

Hall Monitor:

Carl Tannenbaum

Nursery: 9:30 am: Lisa Shelton Andrew Shelton

10:45 am:

Cathy O'Brien Liz Tannenbaum Fern Roper

November Deacons on Duty:

Grey Dixon
Drew Lefevre

Carl Tannenbaum (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 (sabbatical)

Tim Wallace. Emeritus: Mike Cate

Deacons: Grey Dixon, Jeff Greene, Drew Lefevre, Noe McHone, Carl Tannenbaum.

Deacons' Helper: Zach Voigt

Nursery Coordinator: Rebekah Woodard



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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