

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 135:1–5

**\*Hymn of Praise** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #224)*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Confession of Faith** From the Westminster Shorter Catechism  
*We believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass, that God made all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all his creatures and all their actions.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING**

**Scripture Reading** Acts 23:12–35  
*(Pew Bible Page 932)*

**Confession of Sin** From the Book of Common Prayer  
*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

**Assurance of God’s Pardoning Grace** 1 John 2:1–2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*\*Congregation Standing*

**\*Psalm of Thanksgiving**

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** Mr. Gordon Meiners  
*Ruling Elder*

**\*Hymn of Preparation** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #300)*

**Scripture Reading** 1 Peter 1:10–12  
*(Pew Bible Page 1014)*

**Prayer of Illumination**

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

“The Best of Times”  
*(1 Peter: Sojourners in Faith, 3)*

**RESPONSE AND BLESSING**

**\*Hymn of Response** And Can It Be That I Should Gain  
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #431)*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*\*Congregation Standing*

Evening Worship — 6:00 PM

**Call to Worship**

**\*Psalm of Adoration** Psalm 24  
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #24B)*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Confession of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 22  
Question: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?  
Answer: *Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.*

**Scripture Reading** John 4:1–45  
*(Pew Bible Page 888)*

**Prayer of Confession and Intercession**

**\*Hymn of Preparation** Come to the Waters  
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #444)*

**Scripture Reading** 1 Kings 2:13–46  
*(Pew Bible Page 281)*

**Sermon** Rev. Jim Curtis  
*Associate Pastor*

“Don’t Saddle that Donkey”  
*(The Kingdom United, 4)*

**\*Hymn of Response** Rejoice, the Lord Is King  
*(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #281)*

**\*Benediction**

*\*Congregation Standing*

**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

**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. Pastor Jim will be continuing our sermon series though 1 Kings.

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

**Lord's Supper Next Week:** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next week during the morning worship service.

**Officer Meeting:** The Session and Diaconate will have their stated joint meeting Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm.

**Youth Bowling Night:** Students, mark your calendars for bowling night: Friday, February 21, 6:30pm–8:30pm! Cost: \$15/student. Includes bowling, dinner and drinks. Scholarships are available for anyone interested. Location: Star Lanes (Tunnel Rd.). Please reach out to Micaiah (micaiah@covenantreformed.net) with any questions.

**Spring High School Youth Retreat:** Save the date. March 7 – 9 at Bonclarken Conference Center. Payment due by Feb 21. Cost: \$56 per student. What this includes: lodging, meals, and retreat activities. See Micaiah for more details.

**Pastor Study Leave:** This coming week Pastor Sean will be away on his annual week of study leave. Please be in prayer for his time away. For any pastoral needs, contact Pastor Jim or one of the elders.

**Watering Seeds Podcast:** Be sure to check out our church's weekly podcast, *Watering Seeds*. Each week our pastors review, discuss, and apply the previous Sunday's sermon. You can find the podcast on any major podcast platform, such as Anchor, Spotify, or Apple Podcast, by searching for our church name or the title, "*Watering Seeds*," or by scanning the QR code printed to the left.



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today, February 9

**6:00 pm:**  
Evening Worship

### Tuesday, February 11

**9:30 am:**  
Women's sermon discussion and prayer at Gail Albee's home

### Wednesday, February 12

**6:00 pm:**  
Supper, Prayer, Bible Study, & Lessons for Children

### Thursday, February 13

**7:30 am:**  
R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone  
**10:00 am:**  
Women's Bible Study

### Sunday, February 15

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

## CURRENT AND UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS

### Sunday, February 9

**Greeters:**  
Lesley & Adam Roper

**Security:**  
Gordon Meiners

**Nursery:**  
**9:30 am:**  
Jeanette Carter  
Scott Carter

**10:45 am:**  
Jennifer McHone  
Lucy McCann  
Emerson Tannenbaum

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

### Wednesday, February 5

**Nursery:**  
Bonnie & Jerry Golden

**Security:**  
Carl Tannenbaum

### Sunday, February 16

**Greeters:**  
Mia Sander & Ian Masters

**Security:**  
Willy Woodard

**Nursery:**  
**9:30 am:**  
Anne Sprinkle  
Lannae Graham

**10:45 am:**  
Dorothy Dillingham  
Madeleine Curtis  
Stella Dillingham

**6:00 pm:**  
Bonnie Cook  
Gloria Boothe

### February Deacons on Duty:

Jeff Greene  
Noe McHone  
Grey Dixon (Usher)



**COVENANT**  
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

# THE LORD'S DAY FEBRUARY 9, 2025

*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*

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.*

**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, Clay Dangerfield, Gordon Meiners, Tom Voigt, Tim Wallace. *Emeritus: Mike Cate*

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