

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

Luke 2:13–14

***Hymn of Praise**

Hark! The Harald Angels Sing
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #311)

***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

Leader: 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)*

Leader: Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he said:

All: *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)*

Confession of Sin (Silent)

* Congregation Standing

Assurance of God’s Pardoning Grace

Psalm 103:8–10

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

***Psalm of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 8
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #8B)

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

Revelation 21:1–8
(Pew Bible Page 1041)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

“I Am Making All Things New”
(The Last Advent, 1)

***Hymn of Preparation**

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #324)

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**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #300)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

† *The bread we serve for the Lord’s Supper is gluten-free
The inner rings of cups are wine; the outer ring is juice*

* Congregation Standing

Evening Worship — 6:00 PM

Call to Worship

***Psalm of Adoration**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #313)

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 15

Question: What was the sin whereby our parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

Answer: *The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.*

Scripture Reading

John 1:19–34
(Pew Bible Page 886)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

***Psalm of Preparation**

Psalm 82
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #82)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 82
(Pew Bible Page 492)

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

“God Holds Judgment”
(Psalms: Songs in the Night, 5)

***Hymn of Response**

As with Gladness Men of Old
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #320)

***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

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 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 Sean will be continuing our sermon series in the book of Psalms.

New Online Church Directory: We are happy to announce that we are introducing a new online church directory called *Breeze*. Please contact the church office if you need any help setting up an account.

No Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting: We will resume meeting on January 8, 2025.

Advent Sermon Series: Today we begin a sermon series through Revelation 21–22 entitled *“The Last Advent.”* This series will include Christmas Eve and will run through the end of the year.

Christmas Eve Service: Join us on Tuesday, 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. Invitation cards will be available in the foyer next Sunday to take and share with those you invite.

December Schedule: We will not have Sunday School classes nor evening worship on Sunday, December 29. The church offices will be closed from December 25 through January 1.

Men's Breakfast: Join us on Saturday, January 11, from 8:00-10:00am for our new Men's Breakfast ministry. We will enjoy a hot breakfast and a message from our guest speaker and former intern, Wilson Goins. This monthly gathering on the second Saturday is open to all men young and old, so please make plans to join us as we grow together.

2025 First Sunday Schedule: In the coming year, we will have church-wide quarterly Fellowship Meals following morning worship on January 5, April 6, July 6, and October 5. Our Shepherding Groups will also meet quarterly on February 2, May 3, August 2, and November 1.

Please Excuse Our Mess: Our deacons are coordinating a church building “refresh” that will take a few weeks of landscaping, painting, carpeting, etc.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, December 15

6:00 pm: Evening Worship

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 am:

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

Thursday, December 29

7:30 am:

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

Sunday, December 22

9:30 am:

Sunday School

10:45 am:

Morning Worship

6:00 pm:

Evening Worship

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm:

Christmas Eve Service



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CURRENT AND UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, December 15

Greeters:

Nancy & Charley Markhoff

Security:

David McCullough

Nursery:

9:30 am:

Lou Bishop

Rich Bishop

10:45 am:

Lindsey McCann

Ron McEwen

Ellie McCann

6:00 pm:

Jeanette & Scott Carter

Sunday, December 22

Greeters:

Bonnie & Jerry Golden

Security:

Noe McHone

Nursery:

9:30 am:

Joy Voigt

Carl Tannenbaum

10:45 am:

Dorothy Dillingham

Madeleine Curtis

Fern Roper

6:00 pm:

Suzanne & David McCullough

December Deacons on Duty:

Rich Bishop

Noe McHone

Jeff Greene (Usher)

Tuesday, December 24

Nursery:

Jennifer & Noe McHone

Greeters:

Elaine & George Goosmann

Security

Colin O'Brien

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: Rich Bishop, Grey Dixon, Jeff Greene, Drew Lefevre, David McCullough, Noe McHone, Carl Tannenbaum

Deacons' Helper: Zach Voigt

Nursery Coordinator: Rebekah Woodard

THE LORD'S DAY DECEMBER 15, 2024

*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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