

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

Psalm 117:1–2

The God of Abraham Praise
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #234)

***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.

CONFSSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING

Scripture Reading

Exodus 8:1–15
(Pew Bible Page 50)

Confession of Sin (Silent)

Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

Psalm 32:10

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

** Congregation Standing*

Welcome New Members

Jonathon and Becki Zetterholm

***Psalm of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 32
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #32B)

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 4:1–12
(Pew Bible Page 941)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

"Counted Righteous"

(Romans: Christ Our Righteousness, 13)

***Hymn of Preparation**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #459, Verses 1–3)

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**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #459, Verse 4)

***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

Romans Lexicon

I am so excited to jump back into Romans this Sunday! The last sermon I preached in this series was on November 16: “Just and Justifier” from Romans 3:22-26. Since then, Pastor Jim has preached a couple of sermons; I have preached two mini-series (*Precious Promises* and *For the Church*); and we had ice cancel our wonderful missionary guest preacher last Sunday. Returning where we left off, we pick up from the opening chapters of Romans, which are among the heaviest in Scripture, not necessarily because of their dense theology, but because of their sustained insistence that no one is righteous. From 1:18 through 3:20, we were bombarded week after week with the same theme: due to our failure to perform good works, we stand unrighteous before God. Into this dark and gloomy pit an explosion of light burst forth in 3:21-29, and that is where we ended in the fall: rejoicing and resting in our great salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. As we return to this mighty epistle today, here are some of the words we grew familiar with last year but may need to dust off again this spring.

The Gospel (1:1, 9, 15, 16). Central to Paul's purpose in writing this letter is to clearly articulate the gospel. The word appears four times in the opening section, nowhere more important than in his thesis statement : v16-17. Here we learn that the gospel is the power for salvation for everyone who believes. Believe in Jesus, and you will be counted righteous.

Jew and Gentile/Greek (1:16; 2:10; 3:9). The church in Rome was made up of these two groups, and there appears to be some tension between them. Paul labors to show that they are in the same position before God: devoid of righteousness. The Gentiles (1:18-32) and the Jews (2:1-3:8) are both “under sin” (3:9).

The Righteousness of God (1:17; 3:21, 22, 25, 26). Key to understanding this phrase is recognizing which meaning Paul is using in which verses. At times he uses the phrase to denote the *gift of righteousness* that comes from God (3:21, 22). Since no one is righteous, we can only stand before God if we receive his righteousness as a gift. For this reason, we call it an “alien” righteousness: it comes from outside of us (*extra nos* in Latin) The second way Paul uses this phrase is to refer to the *attribute of righteousness* (3:25, 26), that is to say, God is right and holy in his character and all his actions, and will not allow sin to go unpunished.

Partiality (2:11). Since God is righteous (in his attributes), he judges righteously, showing no favoritism to the Jews. Works are the only basis of judgment, and they must be perfect.

Justified (3:20, 24, 26). To justify someone is to declare that they are righteous. The impartial God cannot declare us righteous based upon our good works, since we have none! But by his grace he counts the righteousness of Christ to us, thus justifying us.

Faith (1:16, 17; 3:22, 25, 26). How do we receive Christ in order to be justified? We believe. Faith is the instrument by which we receive Christ. Salvation is all of faith: *from faith, for faith, by faith*.

Redemption (3:24). Ransom by the payment of a price. Sinners are set free from the prison house of sin because the ransom price has been paid. What is this ransom price? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Propitiation (3:25). The turning away of wrath. God's wrath against sinners is turned away by the blood sacrifice of Jesus. We call his sacrifice a “propitiatory” offering because it turned away the wrath of God. In order words, Jesus satisfied God's wrath upon the cross, such that none is left for his children.

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.

Fellowship Meal: Please join us, today, February 1 after our morning worship service for a Fellowship Meal. If you are visiting with us today, we especially welcome you to stay and eat with us!

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.

Congregational Meeting: This coming Sunday, February 8 immediately following the morning worship service we will have a brief informational meeting to go over details and answer any questions you may have regarding the perpetual office announcement.

Women's Bible Study: Starting this Tuesday, February 3, our Women's Bible Study through the book of Mark resumes. This study is held on Tuesdays at 10–11:30 am or 6:30–8 pm at CRPC. Childcare is provided for children under 5. For more information, please see Gloria Boothe (gjnboothe@gmail.).

Second Breakfast: Since our Men's Breakfast falls on Valentine's Day this year, Saturday, February 14, we are opening it up to not only sons, but daughters as well, to join fellowship while the moms enjoy a quiet morning. Pastor Sean will be our speaker.

Officer Nominations: The Session is opening up a period for officer nominations and seeking names of qualified candidates to serve Covenant Reformed as Ruling Elders and Deacons. The nomination period will be open February 1 through February 28, so please begin to prayerfully consider who you might approach to nominate for office. Nomination forms are available on the table in the hallway alongside the collection box for completed forms.

Missionary of the Month: Jake and Melissa Hunt are church planting missionaries with Serge in Prague, Czech Republic, and long time supported missionaries of our church. Jake is the Pastor of *DoSlova*, a bilingual church reaching Czechs and long-term residents of Prague. The Hunts have two sons and two daughters, ranging from preschool to high school. To learn how to pray for the Hunts, please see our Missionary of the Month Email for February.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, February 1 12:15pm: Fellowship Meal	Thursday, February 5 7:30 am: R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone
Tuesday, February 3 9:30 am: Women's Prayer & Sermon Question Discussion at Carol Esther's Home	Sunday, February 8 9:30 am: Sunday School
10:00 am & 6:30 pm: Women's Spring Bible Study at CRPC	10:45 am: Morning Worship
Wednesday, February 4 6:00 pm: Supper, Prayer, Bible Study, Youth Group & Lessons for Children	12:00 pm: Congregational Meeting
	6:00 pm: Evening Worship



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THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 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*

Wednesday, February 4

Nursery:
Rachel & Ben Badgley
Hall Monitor:
David McCullough

February Deacons on Duty:

Drew Lefevre
Carl Tannenbaum
Jeff Greene (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

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