

Morning Worship – 10:45 AM	
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP	
<i>Please be seated by 10:45 for the announcements</i>	
Silent Preparation	
<i>During the few minutes before the service begins, the congregation is invited to a moment of silent and prayerful preparation for worship.</i>	
Welcome and Announcements	
<i>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.</i>	
Musical Prelude	
ADORATION OF GOD	
Call to Worship	Psalm 47:5–7
*Hymn of Praise	O God, Our Help in Ages Past <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #222)</i>
*Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer	
<i>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.</i>	
*Confession of Faith	Apostles’ Creed
<i>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.</i>	
CONFESSION OF SIN AND THANKSGIVING	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 19:1–15 <i>(Pew Bible Page 60)</i>
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.	
*Psalm of Thanksgiving	Psalm 84 <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #84B)</i>
<i>* Congregation Standing</i>	

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication	
Collection of Tithes and Offerings	
*Gloria Patri	<i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #572)</i> <i>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.</i>
PROVISION FOR LIFE AND GROWTH	
Scripture Reading	Romans 13:8–10 <i>(Pew Bible Page 948)</i>
Prayer of Illumination	
Sermon	Rev. Sean McCann <i>Senior Pastor</i>
*Hymn of Praise	
“Love Fulfills the Law” <i>(Romans: Christ our Righteousness, 41)</i>	
*Hymn of Preparation	Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #286, Verses 1–4)</i>
The Lord’s Supper†	
<i>Invitation and Fencing of the Table Prayer of Consecration Words of Institution Distribution of the Elements Prayer of Thanksgiving</i>	
RESPONSE AND BLESSING	
*Hymn of Response	Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder <i>(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #286, Verse 5)</i>
*Benediction	
*Postlude	
<i>† 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</i>	

<u>Mercy Offering</u>
Starting on September 20, we will take up a second offering for the purpose of funding our diaconal mercy ministries. We plan to take up this offering on the third Sunday of each month, in conjunction with the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. We are asking you to continue to give your regular tithe during the weekly offering, but to “remember the poor” and give as you are able above the tithe to care for the needy in our midst.
In our form of church government, the deacons play a vital role in caring for the physical needs of the congregation, thus complementing the elders’ focus on spiritual needs. While much of their work goes unseen, they also help coordinate our corporate care for one another through the collecting and distributing of funds: “It is the duty of the deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. It is their duty also to develop the grace of liberality in the members of the church, to devise effective methods of collecting the gifts of the people, and to distribute these gifts among the objects to which they are contributed” (<i>BCO 9-2</i>).
In the operating budget of our church, we have a “diaconal fund” that is funded out of the regular gifts to the church and is overseen by the deacons. As our deacons are made aware of needs among the body, they may draw upon this fund to assist our members enduring financial or physical hardships. We will continue to allocate funds here out of the regular budget, and all funds collected during the Mercy Offering will go here as well.
We find this advice in our <i>Book of Church Order</i> , in the chapter on the Lord’s Supper: “An offering for the poor or other sacred purpose is appropriate in connection with this service, and may be made at such time as shall be ordered by the Session” (<i>BCO 58-7</i>). Why does our denomination advise a connection between such an offering and the Lord’s Supper? Dr. Per Almquist answers, “The Church has historically seen the proclamation of God’s love displayed in Christ’s death as an appropriate time to take a special offering to proclaim the message of the gospel, especially through ministry to the poor.”
We hope and pray that this monthly collection will further enable and encourage our deacons in their vital ministry, and that it will help us as a church to adorn the gospel with good works. To that end, we ask you to prayerfully consider how you might give each month during this special offering.
“ <i>They asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do</i> ” (<i>Galatians 2:10</i>).
“ <i>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.</i> ” (<i>Galatians 6:10</i>)
“ <i>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’</i> ” (<i>Acts 20:35</i>)
“ <i>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.</i> ” (<i>Hebrews 13:16</i>)

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 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.

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

Stated Session Meeting: The session will meet this Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm.

Women's Service Opportunity: The WMC Service Committee is planning to serve a sandwich lunch to approximately 25 residents and staff at ABCCM - Costello House, this Tuesday, September 8. Please watch for an email with details and consider signing up to serve and/or provide food items for the meal.

Second Breakfast: Our next men’s breakfast gathering is this coming Saturday, September 13, from 8:00–10:00 am. Our speaker for this event will be pastor Sean McCann.

Youth Putt-Putt Night: On Friday, September 18, the youth group will be playing a round of mini golf at Tropical Gardens on Patton Ave. 5:30-8:00 pm. Dinner will be provided. Cost: \$5/student.

Highlands Presbytery Women’s Retreat: Registration for the annual Ridge Haven Fall Retreat is underway! The retreat will be held Friday October 16 through Saturday October 17. "Early" registration ends on Tuesday, September 8th. Please consider attending this special time with other women in our presbytery. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please Contact Debbie Cate with any questions (828-545-8542).

Missionary of the Month: Campus ministers Rev. Alec Cotton and Rev. Andrew Shank of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). Rev. Cotton is the campus minister at Appalachian State University, where he has served since 2023. Rev. Shank is the campus minister at Western Carolina University, where he has served since the summer of 2017. To learn more about these ministries, please visit the missions tab on our church website.

Find Us Online: You can find and follow Covenant Reformed’s social media channels by searching for us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 8
9:30 am:
Women’s Prayer & Sermon
Question Discussion at Carol
Esther Belz’s Home
6:30 pm:
Stated Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 9
6:00 pm:
Supper, Prayer, Bible Study, Youth
Group & Lessons for Children

Thursday, September 10
7:30 am:
R.O.M.E.O.s at Cornerstone

Sunday, September 13
9:30 am:
Sunday School
10:45 am:
Morning Worship
6:00 pm:
Evening Worship

CURRENT AND UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, September 6
Greeters:
Bekah & Willy Woodard

Hall Monitor:
Carl Tannenbaum

Nursery:
9:30 am:
Lisa & Andrew Shelton
10:45 am:
Jennifer McHone
Ann Sprinkle
Julian Eckley

Wednesday, September 9
Nursery:
Theresa Wallace
Deborah Linton
Hall Monitor:
Mike Cate

Sunday, September 13
Greeters:
Becki & Jonathon Zetterholm

Hall Monitor:
Rich Bishop

Nursery:
9:30 am:
Danette & Jim Lowery
10:45 am:
Ron McEwen
Liz Tannenbaum
Emerson Tannenbaum
6:00 pm:
Suzanne McCullough
David McCullough
Marjorie Dillingham

September Deacons on Duty:
Drew Lefevre
Noe McHone
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, Tim Wallace.
Emeritus: Mike Cate

Deacons: Grey Dixon, Drew Lefevre, Noe McHone, Carl Tannenbaum
Deacons’ Helper: Zach Voigt
Nursery Coordinator: Deborah Linton



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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD’S DAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 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*

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