

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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #465)

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Confession of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Leader: People of God, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

Congregation: *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

Acts 14:1–28
(Pew Bible Page 923)

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned, and done this evil in your sight—that you may be found just when you speak, and blameless when you judge. Forgive us, we pray, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Pardoning Grace

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

* Congregation Standing

Evening Worship — 6:00 PM

***Psalm of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 81
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #81A)

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

Dr. Rob Cook
Ruling Elder

***Hymn of Preparation**

O Love of God, How Strong and True
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #240)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1–50:3
(Pew Bible Page 609)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Sean McCann
Senior Pastor

“Has My God Forgotten Me?”
(Isaiah: Holiness By Grace, 34)

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

***Hymn of Response**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #405)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* Congregation Standing

Call to Worship

***Psalm of Adoration**

Psalm 24
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #24B)

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Confession of Faith**

From the Athanasian Creed

At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith: that one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully.

Scripture Reading

Joshua 18–19
(Pew Bible Page 192)

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

***Hymn of Preparation**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #466)

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1–2
(Pew Bible Page 1008)

Sermon

Rev. Jim Curtis
Associate Pastor

“Alpha & Omega”
(Hebrews: He Who Promised Is Faithful, 24)

***Hymn of Response**

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #286)

***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 the book of Hebrews.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting: Join us Wednesdays starting September 4 at 6:00 pm for dinner, followed at 6:45 with a time of prayer, Bible study, children's classes, and nursery.

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

Women's Bible Study: The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study will be studying the book of Galatians. It begins September 12 at 10am. Mark your calendars and grab your scripture journal under the WMC bulletin board! There is no homework for week one. Contact Madeleine Curtis with questions.

ESL Dinner: Clay and Carol Dangerfield are hosting a special dinner at their home Monday night, August 26, for volunteers and those interested in volunteering with the English as a Second Language classes. Over the summer the classes averaged 15-20 students per week, and we are in the final preparations for the fall kickoff. We would love to have more volunteers join us as we reach out to our community through teaching basic English. If you are interested please contact Clay or Carol Dangerfield at 828.280.2581

Highlands Presbytery Women's Retreat: Ladies, save the date! The Highlands Presbytery Women's Ministry 2024 Fall Retreat will be October 18-19 at Ridge Haven. Registration details will follow soon! The HPWM is also in need of more volunteers to help at the retreat. If you'd like to help, please reach out to Linda Dixon (landgdx2@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Global Missions Conference: The PCA Global Missions Conference will be held on November 1-3 in Atlanta, GA. This year's theme is "Multiply! Rediscovering Our Mission to Go and Make Disciples." For more information take a flyer in the foyer or visit mtw.org/gmc.

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, August 25

6:00 pm:
Evening Worship

Tuesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 28

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

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am:
Sunday School
10:45 am:
Morning Worship



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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

CURRENT AND UPCOMING VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, August 25

Greeters:
Suzanne & David McCullough

Security:
Gordon Meiners

Nursery:
9:30 am:
Lou Bishop
Rich Bishop

10:45 am:
Madeleine Curtis
Ann Sprinkle
Solomon Eckley

6:00 pm:
Elaine & George Goosmann

August Deacons on Duty:

Drew Lefevre
Carl Tannenbaum
Noe McHone (Usher)

Sunday, September 1

Greeters:
Anne Moss & Lannae Graham

Security:
Colin O'Brien

Nursery:
9:30 am:
Joy Voigt
Cathy O'Brien

10:45 am:
Danette Lowery
Jim Lowery
Fern Roper

THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 25, 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*

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
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