



January 2, 2022 | Epiphany Sunday

*Convulsions in the heavens
give birth to a shining word.*

*A newborn star, a legible star,
ascends the rim of our red horizon —*

*(its tail's a scepter, its nimbus coronal,
its wings a sheer-veined radiance)*

*— and writes on crimson clouds, "I am!
I am the AM that caused creation,*

*the Am who anoints my Son
Sovereign."*

~ Walt Wangerin



Children's programming is available on the lower level, see page 14 for details.

Large Print orders of worship and devices to improve hearing are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome

Silent moment to prepare for worship

Epiphany Sunday Reading: from Isaiah 9 and 2 Corinthians 4

Leader: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone,

...the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

O star of won - der, star of night, star with ro - yal
beau - ty bright, west - ward lead - ing,
still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first staff contains the lyrics "O star of won - der, star of night, star with ro - yal". The second staff contains "beau - ty bright, west - ward lead - ing,". The third staff contains "still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light." and ends with a double bar line. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together.

Epiphany Call to Worship

from Isaiah 60

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

Leader: See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,

**All: but the LORD rises upon us
and his glory appears over us.**



We___ three kings___ of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts___ we
Born___ a King___ on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold___ I bring___ to
Fran - kin - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns___ a
Myrrh___ is mine;___ its bit - ter per - fume breathes___ a life___ of



tra - verse a - far, field___ and foun - tain,
crown him a - gain, King___ for - e - ver,
De - i - ty night; prayer___ and prais - ing,
ga - the - ring gloom; sorrow - ing sigh - ing,



moor___ and moun - tain, fol - lo - wing yon - der star.
ceas - ing ne - ver o - ver us all to reign.
voi - ces rais - ing, wor - shi - ping God on high.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.



O___ star___ of won - der, star___ of night, star___ with ro - yal



beau - ty bright, west - ward lead - ing,



still___ pro - ceed - ing, guide___ us to___ thy per - fect light.

We Three Kings, words & music: John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857

Invocation

Leader: God of **Advent**, of waiting and hoping,
our hearts are expectant, ready for your coming among us.
God of **Christmas**, of celebration and rejoicing,
our hearts are glad with your joy.
God of **Epiphany**, of hiding and making known,
our hearts are filled with wonder and adoration at the revelation of your glory
that we have seen in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, and visit us with the presence of the incarnate Christ.**

Glo - rious now___ be - hold him a - rise; King___ and God___ and
sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.
O___ star___ of won - der, star___ of night, star___ with ro - yal
beau - ty bright, west - ward lead - ing,
still___ pro - ceed - ing, guide___ us to___ thy per - fect light.

Confession of Sin, from Isaiah 59

Leader: Justice is far from us,
and righteousness does not overtake us;
**All: we hope for light, and behold, darkness,
and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.**

Leader: For our transgressions are multiplied before you,
and our sins testify against us;
**All: for our transgressions are with us,
and we know our iniquities.**

Sing to Confess

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Cre - a - tor of the stars of night. Thou, grie - ving that the anc - ient curse Thy pe - ople's e - ver - last - ing light. Should doom to death a u - ni - verse, Je - su, Re - dee - mer save us all, Has found the cure so full of grace, and hear us when we call, and hear us when we call: To save our rui - ned race, to save our rui - ned race. Come, Lord Je - sus. Come and he - al us.'

Creator of the Stars of Night, Words, latin hymn, 9th century; Music, Paul van der Bijl, Advent 2017

Silent time to pray and confess

Lessons from the Word

read by Kelley and Chad Oldham

Old Testament Lesson -
New Testmaent Lesson -

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**



O star of won - der, star of night, star with ro - yal
beau - ty bright, west - ward lead - ing,
still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

The Word

Pastor David Salsedo

We Have Come to Worship Him, Matthew 2:1-12

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place

Passing the Peace and Preparing the Gifts

2 Corinthians 13:11-14: Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

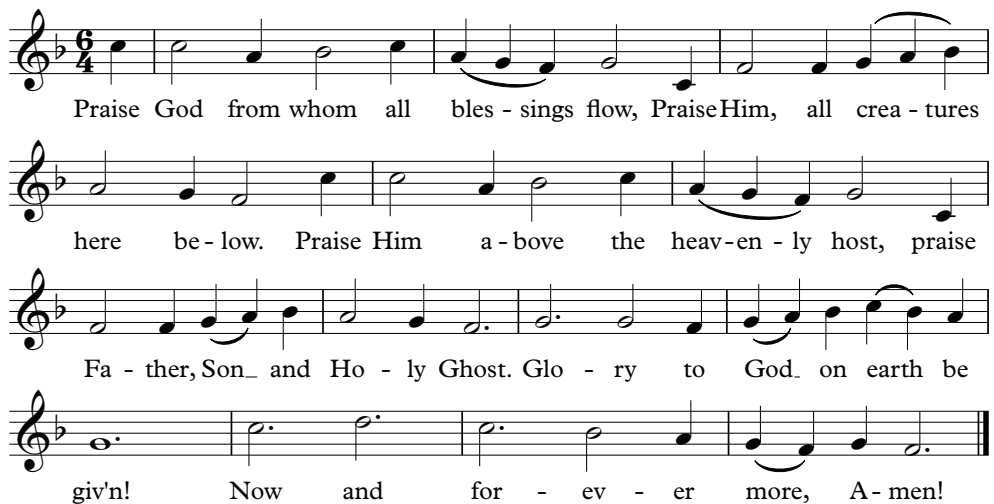
All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Greet each other in the name of Christ

Giving back to God a portion of what he's already given us is an important part of the Christian life. The bread and wine we use in communion are a picture of the gifts that God has given us, offered back to him as an act of worship. You can offer your resources back to God in support of the work of the church by placing your offering in the boxes in the back on the way out. You can also give online at covenantchicago.org/give, use the QR code on page 15, or text a donation amount to 84321.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures
here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host, praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Glory to God on earth be
giv'n! Now and for ever more, A-men!

Doxology, Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, Sussex Carol by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1900

Epiphany Great Thanksgiving from the Scottish Episcopal Church (2016)

Leader: As we approach your table, grant us the peace with each other that we find in you so that we can come to this feast united in love. Accept now our offerings of bread, wine and gifts to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the work of your kingdom.

With clear hearts and minds,
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

All: In Christ, your only-begotten Son, you have revealed yourself to the world.

Leader: By the guiding of a star,
you made him known to the nations as the son of David and king of Israel;

**All: that in following him,
we might be led from darkness and into his marvelous light.**

Leader: As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You came the Bride-groom of the bride,
As drew the world to eve-ning-tide;
The bread of life, the ho-ly wine,
The spot-less Lamb di-vine, the spot-less Lamb di-vine.
Come, Lord Je-sus. Come and he-al us.

Distribute the Bread & Cup

Please note that we serve both red wine and white grape juice.
There is individually wrapped gluten free bread available.

Receiving Communion

Communion (also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. We invite all to partake of this sacrament who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, and seek strength to live more faithfully for him.

Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



1. O__ sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of__ shep-herds watch-ing there,
2. O__ sing a song of Na-zar-eth, of__ sun - ny days_ of joy;
3. O__ sing a song of Ga - li - lee, of__ lake and woods and hill,



and_ of the news that came to them from an-gels in__ the air.
O__ sing of fra-grant flo-wers' breath, and_ of the sin - less Boy.
of__ him who walked up - on the sea and_ bade the waves be still.



The_ light that shone_ on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to - day;
For_ now the flowers of Na - zar-eth in ev - ery__ heart may grow;
For_ though like waves_ on Ga - li - lee, dark seas of trou - ble roll,



of__ Je - sus' birth and_ peace on earth the_ an - gels sing_ al - way.
now_ spreads the fame of__ his dear name on__ all the winds that blow.
when faith has heard the_ Mas-ter's word, falls peace up - on__ the soul.

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem, Words, Louis F. Benson, 1899, Music, Traditional English Carol

Silent prayers for reflection

Prayer for those taking communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

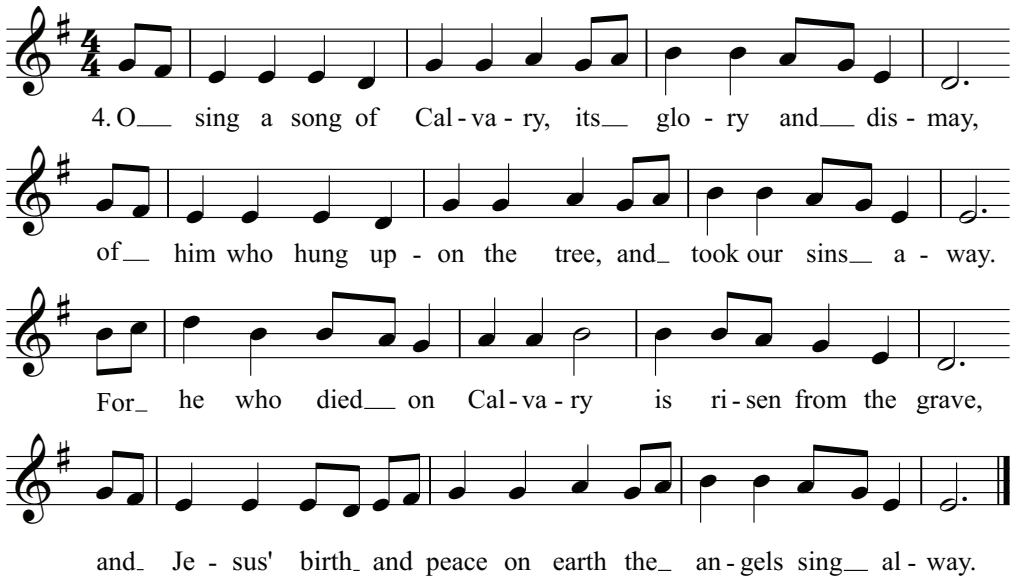
Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Grant also that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Respond to the Table

Leader: Remembering your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice
dedicated to your service.

All: **Great is this mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**



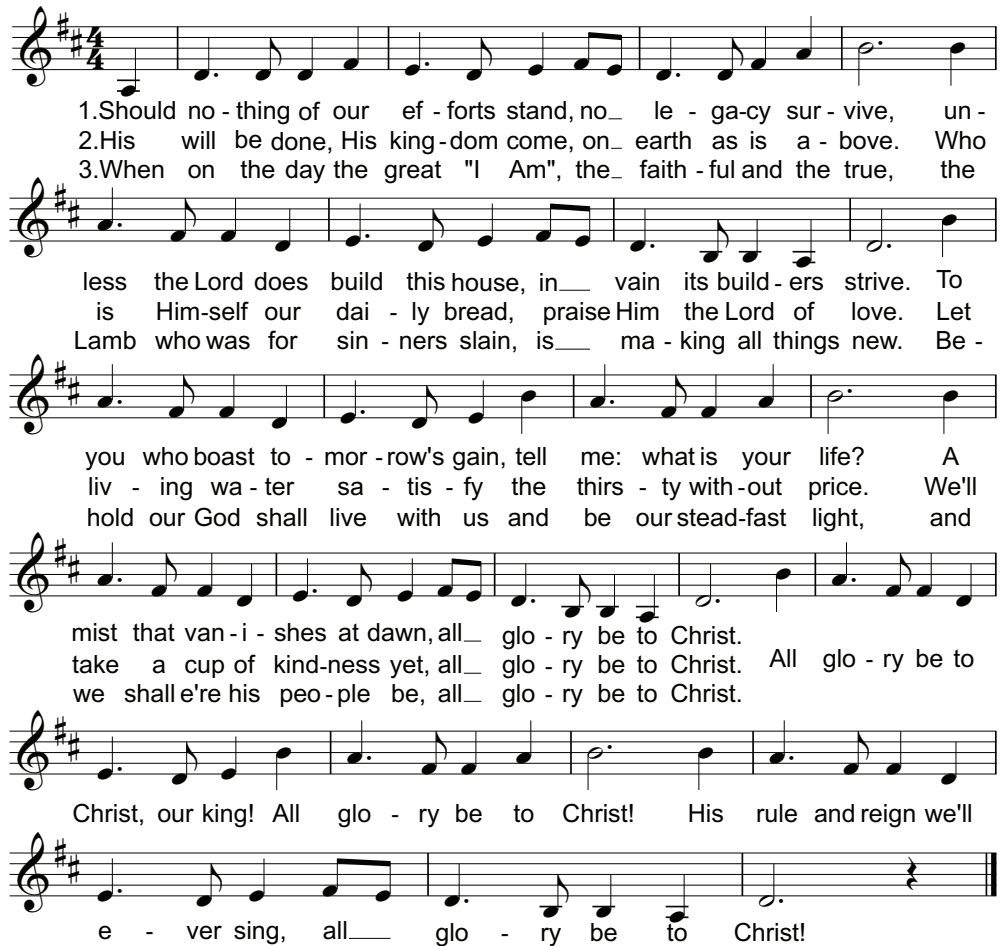
4. O__ sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its__ glo - ry and__ dis - may,
of__ him who hung up - on the tree, and_ took our sins__ a - way.
For_ he who died__ on Cal-va-ry is ri-sen from the grave,
and_ Je - sus' birth_ and peace on earth the_ an-gels sing__ al - way.

In Community

Announcements about Covenant events and opportunities during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy

All:



1. Should no - thing of our ef - ferts stand, no_ le - ga - cy sur - vive, un -
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on_ earth as is a - bove. Who
3. When on the day the great "I Am", the_ faith - ful and the true, the

less the Lord does build this house, in_ vain its build - ers strive. To
is Him - self our dai - ly bread, praise Him the Lord of love. Let
Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is_ ma - king all things new. Be -

you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me: what is your life? A
liv - ing wa - ter sa - tis - fy the thirs - ty with - out price. We'll
hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light, and

mist that van - i - shes at dawn, all_ glo - ry be to Christ.
take a cup of kind - ness yet, all_ glo - ry be to Christ. All glo - ry be to
we shall e're his peo - ple be, all_ glo - ry be to Christ.

Christ, our king! All glo - ry be to Christ! His rule and reign we'll
e - ver sing, all_ glo - ry be to Christ!

All Glory Be To Christ, Words; Dustin Kensrue, 2012, Music: Auld Lang Syne, Traditional Scottish folk song

Benediction

Leader: *Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

TODAY AT COVENANT

1st Service, 9am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Large Print orders of worship are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing Assistance: Covenant is pleased to announce it now has electronic devices to assist those with difficulty hearing during the service. The receivers are available in the narthex. Ushers can assist you with finding and using the receivers. The receivers can be paired with your personal earbuds or headphones, as well with most hearing aids.

Current Mask Requirements: In accordance with the city's mask mandate, Covenant requires masks for everyone over 2 at both services and during Common Ground.

Read This Book: How to Read Scripture. Many of us start or renew our habit of reading Scripture at the start of the year. But why do we do it and how do we read the Word of God well? Join us in January for a 4-week class on how to read Scripture. We'll talk about how to benefit from reading Scripture through study and meditation, and focus on how the story of redemption ties the different genres and sections of Scripture together. Join us starting January 9 in the All Saints Room during Common Ground at 10:15 am.

This Act of Grace: Thinking Biblically about Giving. The Apostle Paul calls giving an act of grace when he writes to the church in Corinth. What does it look like for us to give well of our money and possessions? What does Scripture teach us about who we should give to and how much? Join us for a 4-week class on giving as we think through Old Testament and New Testament lessons on the Christian practice of giving. We'll meet in the Library of the Education Building during Common Ground at 10:15 beginning on January 9.

Save the Date: The women's winter luncheon will take place Sunday, February 27 from 12:30-2:30 pm, in the Education Building, and will feature a variety of voices on the topic of integrating our faith with our work. Look for more information soon.

Covenant Musicians: If you are a musician and would like to play and/or sing with the worship team on Sunday mornings, please contact our Worship Director, Paul van der Bijl at pvanderbijl@covenantchicago.org.

The Covenant Choir needs singers! They rehearse twice a month and sing in service once a month. Rehearsals are in the sanctuary during Common Ground. If you would like to join the Covenant Choir, contact Iva Riggs at iva.riggs@gmail.com.

Volunteer with Children's Ministry: Covenant needs additional volunteers to help in our nurseries, children's worship classroom and Sunday school classrooms. We need volunteers during both services (9:00 and 11:15 am) and during Common Ground (10:15). To volunteer, contact Ian Troll (ian@covenantchicago.org).

Ushers Needed: Covenant is looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers on Sunday morning. Ushers greet people as they arrive to church and help clean up the sanctuary after the service. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Jonathan Ellison (jellisonimages@gmail.com).

Sermon Devotional Emails: Twice a week, a team from Covenant sends sermon devotional emails that will help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture lessons. Email devotional@covenantchicago.org to sign up.

Let Us Pray for You. Covenant's staff meets to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. You can share prayer requests by writing them on the tear out portion at the back of the order of worship or by emailing Pastor David (dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org).

Meals Ministry: The Meals Ministry cares for our community by providing occasional meals to individuals and families. If you have recently experienced health problems, have welcomed a new child into your family, or have suffered a loss, please visit covenantchicago.org/meals-ministry/ to request a meal. The Meals Ministry also seeks volunteers to cook and deliver meals, and you can sign up to volunteer through the website link. Questions? Contact meals@covenantchicago.org.

Year End Giving: Please note per IRS regulations, contributions to Covenant must be submitted or postmarked by December 31, 2021 in order to appear on your 2021 Contribution Statement. If you have any questions, please contact Gene Pierson (gpierson@covenantchicago.org).

Giving QR Code



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*Please direct correspondence for the Session to
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Diaconate

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Treasurer: Ben Harvey

*If you're in need or wish to speak with a deacon, you can
email us at diaconate@covenantchicago.org.*

Welcome to Covenant

Please fill out this form, tear it out, and put it in one of
the offering boxes at the back of the church.

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I am interested in:

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- Receiving the Email Letter
- Children and Youth Ministry
- Other:

Prayer Requests:

Covenant Life

Worship Together:

We are made to worship the Triune God, and our worship is always ordered around Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and grace he secured for us by his cross, resurrection and ascension. Gathering around this good news together on Sundays strengthens our appetites, imaginations and abilities to live as followers of Jesus.

Grow and Learn Together:

Learning about our faith and growing together in it forms us into human beings who are fully swept up into the work God is doing to reconcile all things to himself in Jesus. Learning is more than simply knowing; it is the internalization of truth that leads to mature thinking and acting.

Serve Together:

The natural outcome of receiving and experiencing grace is to be propelled outward into mission and service. All of us have been given gifts to use for the good of our common life and for the good of the broken world around us, and we encourage everyone to regularly use their gifts in service.



*a church, a city,
and a world
continually made new
by the grace of Christ*

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