

the  
Weight of Glory

January 16, 2022 | 2nd Sunday of Epiphany



*Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;  
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,  
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son  
Reveal to us the single loving heart  
That beats behind the being of all things  
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.  
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings  
'You are beloved, you are my delight!'*

*In that quick light and life, as water spills  
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,  
The voice that made the universe reveals  
The God in Man who makes it new again.  
He calls us too, to step into that river  
To die and rise and live and love forever.*

*~ Malcolm Guite*



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

By your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and  
depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness.  
Amen.

1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, Weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;  
2. Come, ye thir - sty, come and wel - come, God's free boun ty\_ glo - ri - fy;  
3. Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
4. Let not cons - cience make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

Je - sus read - y stands to save\_ you, Full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.  
True be - lief\_ and true re - pen - tance, Ev' - ry grace that\_ brings you nigh.  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will ne - ver\_ come at all.  
All the fit - ness He re - qui - reth Is to feel\_ your need of Him.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music. The first system is a vocal line with lyrics. The second system is a bass line. The third system is a vocal line with lyrics. The fourth system is a bass line. The music is arranged in a four-part setting.

*Come Ye Sinners, Words: Joseph Hart, 1759. Music: William Walker, 1835.*

## Call to Worship

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Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**All: Christ our savior dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

**All: and drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

**All: and be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now, all who are weary,

**All: and find the rest of the Savior.**

5. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em-brace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Sa - vior, O there are ten thousand charms.

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## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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O God, our Father, creator of all that is good and rest for our weary souls, in this season of Epiphany we remember that your Son, Jesus Christ, came to our world, and that he is present now by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**Come Holy Spirit.**

**Breath into us the breath of life.**

**Remind us of our baptism.**

**Renew in us your salvation. Amen.**

All:

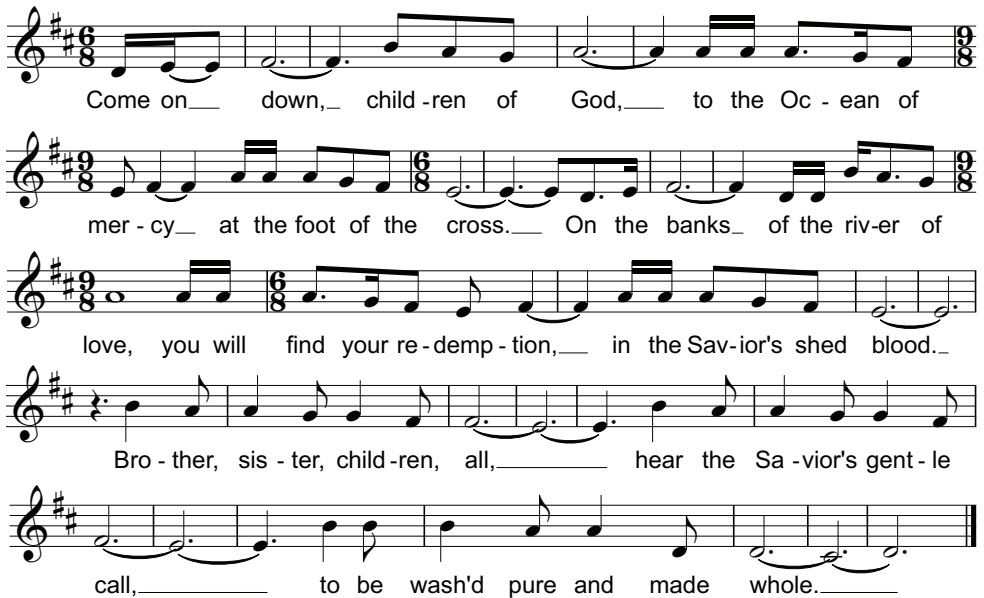
Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit. —  
Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, a - men. A - men.

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1st service only

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of you calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all in all. - Ephesians 4:4-6*

**Sing to Prepare, Ocean of Mercy**

All: 

**Andrew and Daniel Allmen**

**Prayer of Congregational Blessing:**

All: Merciful God, you call us by name and promise to each of us your constant love. We thank you for receiving your servants **Andrew and Daniel** by baptism. Deepen their understanding of the gospel, strengthen their commitment to follow the way of Christ, and keep them in the faith and communion of your church. Increase their compassion for others, send them into the world in witness to your love, and bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All sing: "Brother, sister, children, all..."

## Confession of Sin, from Ephesians 4

Leader: *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

All: **Loving God, by the Holy Spirit,  
your Incarnate Son died, rose, and sealed us for the day of redemption.  
Yet we confess our unbelief.  
We confess our bitterness,  
our self-righteous wrath,  
and our clamoring for attention.  
In your mercy, help us in our unbelief and forgive us our sins.**

Silent time to pray and confess

1. What gift of grace is Je-sus my red-ee-mer. There is no  
2. The night is dark but I am not for-sak-en For by my  
more for hea-ven now to give He is my joy, my righ-teous-ness and  
side, the Sav-iour he will stay. I la-bor on in weak-ness and rej-  
free-dom My stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace.  
oic-ing For in my need, his pow-er is dis-played  
To this I hold, my hope is on-ly Je-sus For my  
To this I hold, my Shep-herd will de-fend me Through the  
life is who-lly bound to his. Oh how strange and di-vine, I can  
deep-est val-ley he will lead Oh the night has been won, and I  
sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
shal ov-er-come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me, Jonny Robinson, St. Pauls Anglican Church Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia, 2018*

## Assurance of Pardon, from Ephesians 1

Leader: *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.*

### Sing to Assure

3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv - en The fu-ture  
sure, the price it has been paid For Je - sus bled and suf-fered for my  
par - don And he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been de - fea\_\_ ted Je - sus  
now and ev - er is my plea Oh the chains are rel-eased, I can  
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of seven staves of music. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv - en The fu-ture sure, the price it has been paid For Je - sus bled and suf-fered for my par - don And he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave To this I hold, my sin has been de - fea\_\_ ted Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea Oh the chains are rel-eased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me." The score ends with a double bar line.

## Lessons from the Word

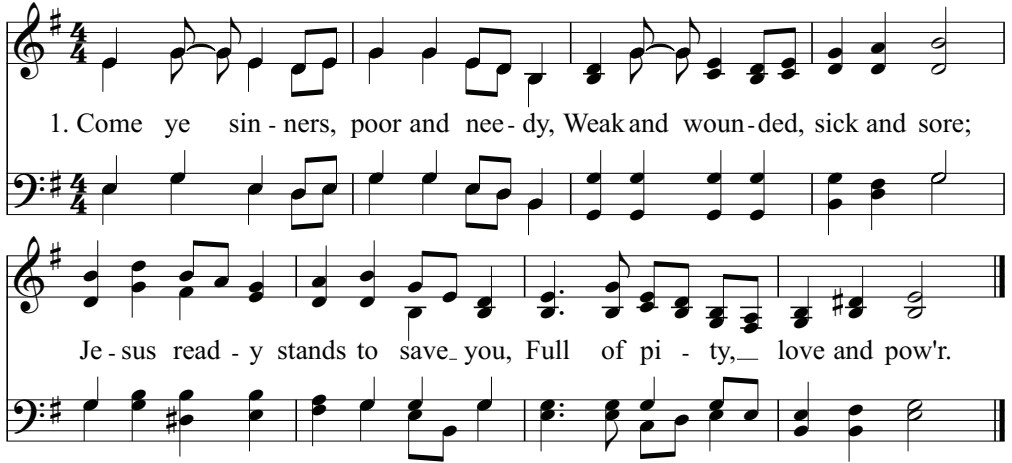
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read by Mark Hicks ①, Jackson Powell ②

Old Testament Lesson -  
Gospel Lesson -

Psalm 51.7-12  
John 21.15-19

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



1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, Weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;

Je - sus read - y stands to save\_ you, Full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.



# The Word

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Pastor Aaron Baker

We Are Comforted, 2 Corinthians 7.10-16

<sup>10</sup> For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. <sup>11</sup> For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. <sup>12</sup> So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God. <sup>13</sup> Therefore we are comforted.

And besides our own comfort, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. <sup>14</sup> For whatever boasts I made to him about you, I was not put to shame. But just as everything we said to you was true, so also our boasting before Titus has proved true. <sup>15</sup> And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. <sup>16</sup> I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

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All: 

## 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](http://covenantchicago.org/give), use the QR code on page 15, or text a donation amount to 84321.*

**All: Doxology**, Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, German Psalter, 1561

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise Him, all crea- tures here be - low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## 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: Filled with the Spirit,  
who descended upon your Son at his Baptism in the Jordan,

**All: we who are baptised in his name strive for his heavenly kingdom  
in whose radiance we are transfigured and the earth transformed.**

Leader: As children of your redeeming purpose, who celebrate the epiphany of your Son,  
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.**

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff continues the melody for the third line, featuring a change in time signature to 2/4 and then back to 4/4.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on\_ We will sing with our  
hearts re - stored He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther\_  
We will feast and weep no more

## Distribute the Bread & Cup

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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.

### New Communicants

*Joren and Cormac Bredenberg, Adam Ver Steeg, Iris Laning, Ada and Leo Zimmerman, Colin Wakolbinger, Amelia Holzhausen, Nathaniel and Nora Salsedo, Andrew and Daniel Allmen, Brooklyn and Savannah Cull*

### 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.*

## Music for Communion

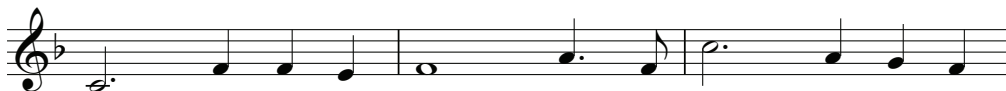
You are welcome to join in song:



1. Je - sus, re - fuge of the wea - ry, blest Re - dee - mer, whom we  
2. Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant  
3. Je - sus, may our hearts be bur - ning with more fer - vent love for



love, \_\_\_ foun - tain in life's de - sert drea - ry, ho - ly \_\_\_  
vow, \_\_\_ though we see You woun - ded, bleed - ing, see Your  
You; \_\_\_ may our eyes be e - ver tur - ning to be -



man - na from a - bove. Oft in pride we wan - der  
thorn - en - circ - led brow? Yet Your sin - less death has  
hold Your cross a - new. Gra - ven in our hearts for -



from you, heed - ing not your grac - ious call. Yet up -  
brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; on - ly  
e - ver dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied, till in



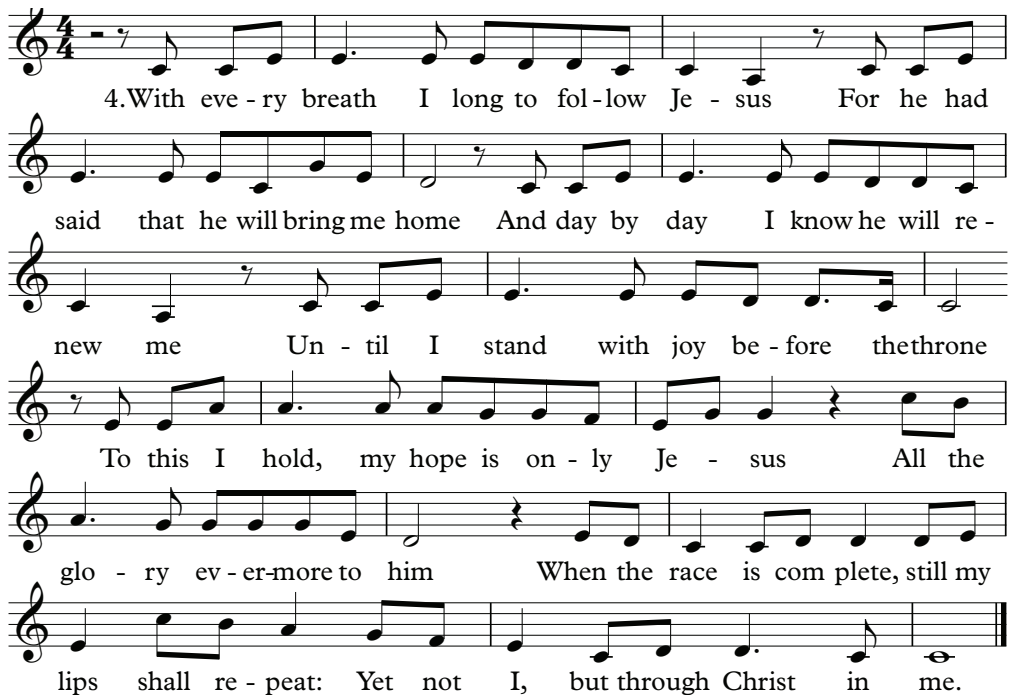
on the cross ex - ten - ded, You have borne the pain of all.  
what your grace hath taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
glo - ry, par - ted ne - ver from the bles - sed Sa - vior's side.

*Jesus Refuge of the Weary, Words: Girolamo Savonarola, 1533; Music; Calon Lân, Traditional Welsh tune, 1895; addl. words, pvdBijl, 2018*

## 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. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he had  
said that he will bring me home And day by day I know he will re -  
new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus All the  
glo - ry ev - er - more to him When the race is com - plete, still my  
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## In Community

Announcements about Covenant events and opportunities during the coming weeks.

## Go With Joy

### Chorus

We will feast in the House of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - ge - ther.

### Verses

We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be burned by the  
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the  
3. Ev - ery vow we've bro - ken and be-

fire. He is the LORD our God. We are not con-  
dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the pro-mised  
trayed. You are the Faith - ful one. And from the

sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tec - ted, ga - thered up.  
morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.  
gar - den to the grave, bind us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

*We Will Feast in The House of Zion, by Sandra McCracken, 2015, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN.*

## 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

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## TODAY AT COVENANT

### 1st Service, 9am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, lower level

### 2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level

### Common Ground, 10:15am

- Coffee and snacks **available in classrooms** and the Fellowship Hall
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-Middle School (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed. Building)
- This Act of Grace: Thinking Biblically About Giving (Library, Ed. Building)
- Read This Book: How to Read Scripture (All Saints Room, Lower Level)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

There are printed copies of Bible reading plans available on the Welcome Table.

**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 this month 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 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 this month.

**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.





**Gospel Justice Center Prayer Team:** Last summer, Covenant launched the Gospel Justice Center, our chapter of a legal services clinic that serves our neighborhood on the second Saturday of every month from 9am to 12pm. We are looking for a few more volunteers who would be willing to join our team onsite to pray for us and our clients while we serve them. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the GJC or volunteering for our prayer team or in other ways, please email Linda Gehrs ([lmgehrs@gmail.com](mailto:lmgehrs@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](mailto:ian@covenantchicago.org)).

**Volunteer with Common Ground:** Covenant is looking for more volunteers to help in the kitchen for Common Ground. We are looking particularly for volunteers willing to serve during the 9 am service to make coffee and prepare snacks for the Fellowship Hall and adult classrooms. Most volunteers serve monthly. If you'd like to volunteer as an individual, family or small group, please contact Larissa Bossemeyer ([office@covenantchicago.org](mailto:office@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:meals@covenantchicago.org).

**2021 Contribution Statements:** Covenant will begin sending out year-end giving statements soon. All giving statements will be sent via email. If you would like a mailed statement, please contact Gene Pierson ([gpierson@covenantchicago.org](mailto:gpierson@covenantchicago.org)). If you have moved this year or have a new email address, please update your information on the tear out card so we can be sure to send your statement to the correct address.

**Sermon Text Next Week: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

Giving QR Code





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## Session

Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Kevin Jones, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, David Salsedo.

*Please direct correspondence for the Session to session@covenantchicago.org.*

## Diaconate

Andrew Dykstra, Jonathan Ellison, Phil Koerner, Joel Miller, Shane Rector, Deb Van Der Molen, Matt Ver Steeg

**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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New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

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↑ *This is new or updated information* ↑

### **I am interested in:**

- More information
- Small Groups
- Service Opportunities
- Membership
- 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.*



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

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