

BEHOLD
HIS
GLORY

3rd Sunday of Epiphany | January 21, 2024 | Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

Cana

Once when our eyes were clean as noon, our rooms
Filled with the joys of Cana's feast;
For Jesus came, and His disciples, and His Mother,
And after them the singers
And some men with violins.

Once when our minds were Galilees,
And clean as skies our faces,
Our simple rooms were charmed with sun.

Our thoughts went in and out in whiter coats than God's disciples',
In Cana's crowded rooms, at Cana's tables.

Nor did we seem to fear the wine would fail:
For ready, in a row, to fill with water and a miracle,
We saw our earthen vessels, waiting empty.
What wine those humble waterjars foretell!

Wine for the ones who, bended to the dirty earth,
Have feared, since lovely Eden, the sun's fire,
Yet hardly mumble, in their dusty mouths, one prayer.

Wine for old Adam, digging in the briars!

~ Thomas Merton

~ cover by Sarah Hall Gonzalez

Children's programming is available during both services on the lower level, see page 15 for details.

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

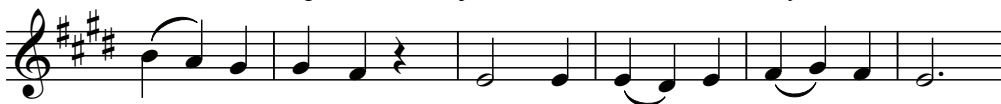
Welcome

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.



Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
All A - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred



bow be - fore you. Saints on earth your sce - pter claim;
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
faith - ful from all na - tions fol - low; and from morn to



vast do - main; ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy God We Praise Your Name, words, Ignaz Franz, 4th cent.; music, Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774

Call to Worship

Psalm 134

Leader: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**All: Let us lift up our hands in this holy place
and bless the LORD!**

Leader: May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!

**All: May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!**

Come bless the Lord, all you ser-vants of the Lord, who stand by night
in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the ho-ly place
and bless the Lord our God! Lift up your hands to the
ho - ly place and bless the Lord our God!

ending

May the Lord bless you from Zi-on, he who made heav-en and earth!

May the Lord_ bless you from Zi-on, he who made heav-en and earth!

Psalm 134, music by Paul van der Bijl, 2023

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

moment of silent adoration

Prayer of adoration - O God, our Father, you who made all of heaven and earth, we lift our hands in this holy place to adore and bless you.



May the Lord bless you from Zi-on, he who made heav-en and earth!



May the Lord_ bless you from Zi - on, he who made heav-en and earth!

Leader: Come Holy Spirit,

All: and visit us with your presence today. Amen.

Confession of Sin

from Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: *And Jesus said: "Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

All: **Gracious God,
we are weary and our sins and anxieties are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
and our tendency to find rest in anything but your mercy and grace.
Grant us rest for our souls.**

Sing to Confess



Come wear - y saints though tired and weak, hide a - way in the
Come wan - dering souls and find your home, hide a - way in the
Come guilt - y ones weighed down with sin, hide a - way in the



love of Je - sus. Your strength will re - turn by His
love of Je - sus. He of - fers the rest that you
love of Je - sus. The free - dom you long for is



qui - et streams, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.
yearn to know, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.
found in Him, hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus, Words and Music by Steve and Vikki Cook, 2008

moment of silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

from Colossians 3:3-4

Leader: *For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

Sing to Assure



Come hope-ful hearts free from des-pair, hide a-way in the



love of Je - sus. For ten thou-sand joys a -



wait you there, hide a-way in the love of Je - sus.

Lessons from the Word

read by Linda and Steve Smith ①, Sarah and Pete Marlow ②

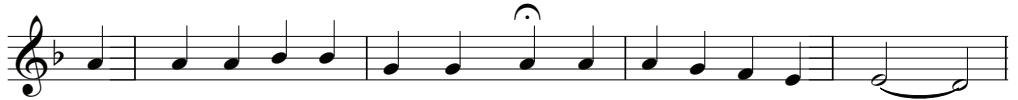
Old Testament Lesson -
New Testament Lesson -

Amos 9.13-15, p.771
Revelation 19.6-9, p.1039

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



O Lord my heart's not lift - ed up, my eyes not lof - ty be.____
For I have calmed and stilled my soul, like a weaned child at pe - ace,
Lord, give me ears to hear your word, o - pen my blind-ed ey - es.



I do not oc - cu - py my - self with things too great for me.____
and found my hope and rest in God for all e - ter - ni - ty.____
Lord, sooth my hard and bur-dened heart, and guide me to your li - ght.

Refrain



I wait for you, O God. You are my on - ly hope.



I am at peace, with-in your love, I am at peace with-in your love.

Words: based on Psalm 131, by vdBijl & Baker, 2023, Music, attr. Martin Herbst, 1676. v3, vdbijl.

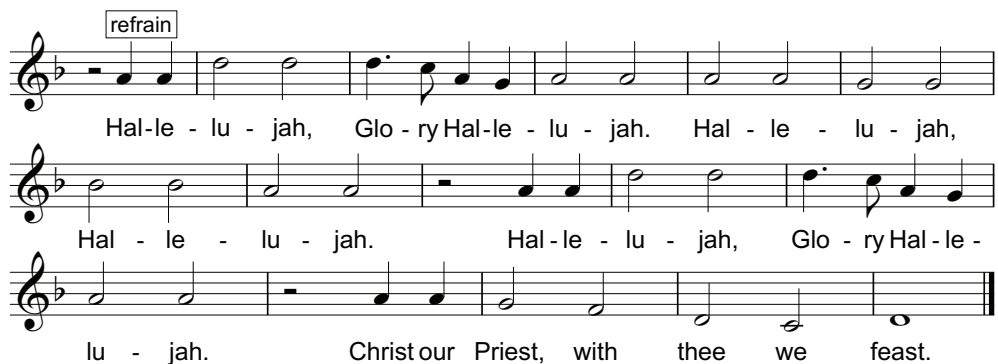
The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker

Glory at the Wedding, John 2:1–11, p.887

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.



Sacrament of Communion

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 Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

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 16, or text a donation amount to 84321.



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow. Praise him all crea-tures here be - low.



Praise him a-bove ye heav'-nly hosts. Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, German Psalter, 1561

The Great Thanksgiving, *by Samuel Wells, vicar, St. Martin-in-the-fields, Church of England, 2016*

Leader: As we approach this meal, we thank and praise you
because you make these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
into the means of our redemption,
and you turn our fallen folly into the occasion of your risen glory.

All: In Christ the Lamb you gave us every good thing.

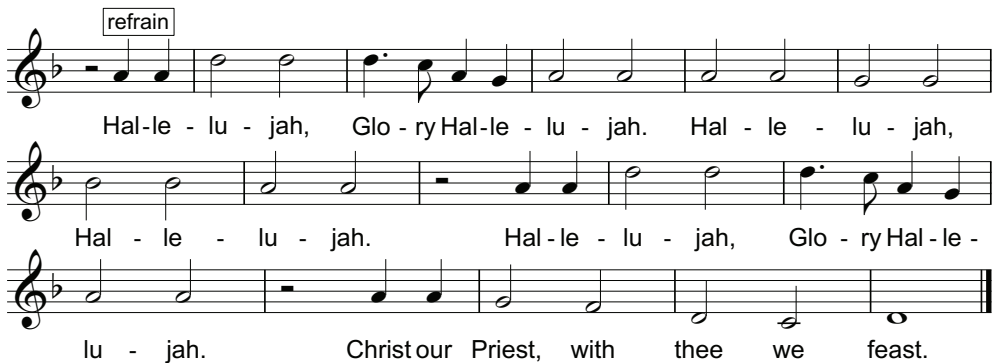
Leader: Though we strayed from your ways and slayed your holy one,

**All: you set before us this gracious banquet
in which that crucified and risen Lamb reconciles us with you.**

Leader: And so we live in gratitude for your mercy
and in praise of your grace,
joining the the company of heaven in their constant hymn:

**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.**



refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le -
lu - jah. Christ our Priest, with thee we feast.

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.

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.

Song for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



1. Je - sus! we bow be - fore thy feet; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
2. Thy ta - ble is di - vine - ly stored; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
3. And here we drink our Sav - iors blood; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
4. We thank thee, Lord, 'tis gen' - rous wine Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
5. On earth is no such sweet - ness found, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
6. For the Lamb's flesh is heav'n - ly food; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!



1. Thy sa - cred flesh our souls have eat, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
2. 'Tis li - ving bread; we thank thee, Lord! Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*
3. Min - gled with love; the foun - tain flowed, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*
4. From that dear bleed - ing heart of thine, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*
5. In vain we search the world a - round, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!
6. To nourish souls and make us new, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! *to ref.*

refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah,



Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, Glo - ry Hal - le -



lu - jah. Christ our Priest, with thee we feast.

Jesus! We Bow Before Thy Feet, Words: Isaac Watts, 1700s, Music, The Sacred Harp, 1850, arr. vdbijl, 2014

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.**

Joy to the Mas-ter of the feast; Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

To God the King, and Christ our Priest, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

The Work of the People

Romans 12:4–6, For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

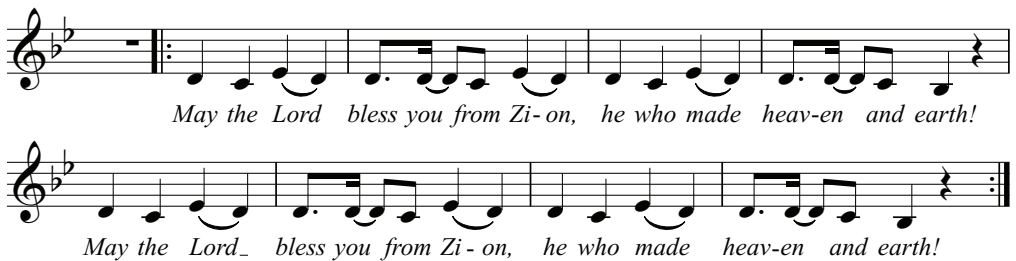
1st service

In receiving new members

Sydney Lind, Jon Moss, Jamie Gray, Linda Kim, Owen and Kaalyn Hazelwood, Alexander Lai, Andrew and Kayce Brott, Caleb Allard, Jake and Hazael Madalinski

Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

All: Our Father in heaven, we thank you for Jesus Christ, for the new life given in him, and for the one faith, one hope, and one baptism that your people have shared through the ages. We rejoice that your children here are now one with your church and that we may receive them as members of this congregation. Guide them in the way of Christ and sustain us all in the fellowship and service of our Lord. Amen.



May the Lord bless you from Zi-on, he who made heav-en and earth!

May the Lord_ bless you from Zi-on, he who made heav-en and earth!

in community

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy

Leader: We have feasted with you at your Table
and you have shown us your glory in the wedding at Cana.

All: We go with joy knowing you are with us and will nourish and sustain us.

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, by Sandra McCracken, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN, 2015

Leader: **Benediction**

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
- 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 in the Fellowship Hall
- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: PreK-8th Grade (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Ezra-Nehemiah (All Saints Room, Lower Level)
- Adult Education: In Abundance and Need (Library, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: What's the Big Deal about the Kingdom (Conference Room, Ed Building)

Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Cora Passis, Bill Heine, Isak Siemens (9:00); James Leach, Andrew Dykstra (11:15)

Ushers: Leslie Lucas, Matt Ver Steeg, Matthew Clay (9:00); Christie Kay, Jon Skinner (11:15)

Welcome Table: Phil Koerner (9:00); James Leach (11:15)

Musicians: Mike Middleton, bass; Adriane Fink, piano; Paul van der Bijl, guitar, vocals; Rachael Holzhausen, vocals; Danny Medina, sound technician.

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COMMON GROUND CLASSES

What's the Big Deal about the Kingdom? Why did Jesus talk so much about the Kingdom of Heaven and what is its importance to us today? Join us for this 4-week class as we explore what the kingdom is, where it is, how we can encounter it, and what it looks like to become its citizens. Each week, we'll use a different spiritual discipline to explore this topic such as lectio divina and the examen. Class will begin today in the Conference Room during Common Ground and will be taught by Jeanie Hoover and Michele Dillon.

Ezra-Nehemiah: Return, Rebuilding, and Reformation: Join us for this 4 week class designed to dive into the historical and theological dimensions of Ezra-Nehemiah. This class will serve to provide a comprehensive overview and focus on the three key themes of the book: the rebuilding of the house of God, the significance of ordinary people and the profound impact of the written word. Young Bok Kim (PhD in Near Eastern Languages, University of Chicago) will teach this class beginning today in the All Saints Room.

In Abundance and In Need: How Money Forms Us. Money is a part of many of our daily interactions – sometimes consciously and often hidden in the background. How does money shape us and how can the Bible speak to how we spend, save, give and manage money in our modern economy? Join us for this 4-week class as we discuss what money is, its role in our lives and how we can steward it. This class will meet in the Library beginning today and will be taught by Brad Lewis, Patrick Fisher and Lamont Black.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Newcomers Gathering: Join us on February 18th from 6 to 8 pm to learn more about Covenant and get to know some of Covenant's staff and others who are new to our community. We'll meet at a home in Roscoe Village for appetizers and desserts. To learn more or to RSVP, contact Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Small Groups: Covenant small groups meet throughout the city. Small groups are a great way to get to know others at Covenant, study Scripture, and pray together. If you'd be interested in learning more about small groups, please contact Pastor Dan. (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).

Wednesday Morning Women's Group: Join women from Covenant in the All Saints Room at Covenant from 9 to 11 am each Wednesday for a small group. You're welcome to join whether you're able to come weekly or occasionally. This winter, they will read *Faithful: A Theology of Sex* by Beth Felker Jones. Childcare is available. Contact Devon Spencer (devonspencer1112@gmail.com) with questions about this group.

Dinners Together: Join others from Covenant for potluck gatherings throughout the city. On January 27 and February 3, Covenant is organizing dinners for groups of 8-12. If you'd be interested in attending one of these get-togethers, please fill out the forms on the Welcome Table or on our website (covenantchicago.org/events/dinner-together/). Please let us know if you'd be willing to host! Questions? Contact Larissa Bossemeyer (lbossemeyer@covenantchicago.org).

Chicagoland United in Prayer. Together Chicago and their partner organization, Chicagoland United in Prayer, are hosting their annual prayer gathering on Sunday, February 4th at Apostolic Faith Church from 5-7pm. Christians from all over the city gather to pray for peace, justice, righteousness, and thriving in our city, and we're invited to join them. Learn more and register to attend at <https://chiunitepray.com/chicagoland-united-in-prayer-2024/>.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Serve Breakfast at Breakthrough: On the fourth Saturday of every month, Covenant provides breakfast for the Breakthrough women's shelter. If you are interested in volunteering to help purchase, prepare and serve food to shelter guests, you can reach out to breakthrough@covenantchicago.org for more information or sign up for upcoming dates on our website: <https://covenantchicago.org/events/breakfast-at-breakthrough/>.

Gospel Justice Center Volunteers: Covenant hosts a legal aid clinic the second Saturday morning of every month, and we are growing! We are looking for folks to add to our current roster of volunteers. No legal experience or background is necessary and training is provided for all roles. We're in particular need of people to help with clients directly as intake specialists and as client advocates or people who can help with marketing by creating a brochure or managing a social media account. Please contact Linda Gehrs (LMGehrs@gmail.com) with questions or for more information. The commitment at most is one Saturday morning a month, but most volunteers serve one Saturday every two months.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Parents of Diverse Learners. If you have a child with a disability taking part in our children's ministry, we would like to try and find ways to meet your child's unique needs. One of our deacons, Kylene Young, has years of experience as a special education teacher and can work with you and our volunteers to tailor a plan. If you're interested in learning more, contact Ian (ian@covenantchicago.org) or Kylene (Kyleneyoung@gmail.com).

Emergency Childcare: No one likes to think about tough times, especially if children are involved, but in the spirit of "bearing one another's burdens," Covenant is hoping to compile a list of people who could help with short-term childcare after a medical emergency, car or bike accident, or other similar event. Students, retirees, stay-at-home moms, nannies with available days, or others with some free time who enjoy working with children, are invited to contact Deb Van Der Molen (dvmolen79@gmail.com) for an application, which requests information about prior childcare experience, first aid certification, and references. Financial compensation would be available.

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 Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org).



Giving QR code

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Session

Aaron Baker (Moderator), Dan Adamson, David Dillon, Dave Hoover, Brad Lewis, Steve Lehmann, Joshua Norton

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

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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.

circle one:

New to Covenant | Regular Attender | Member

Name:

Email:

Address:

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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.



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

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