

Epiphany at Cana

Here's an epiphany to have and hold,
A truth that you can taste upon the tongue,
No distant shrines and canopies of gold
Or ladders to be clambered rung by rung,
But here and now, amidst your daily living,
Where you can taste and touch and feel and see,
The spring of love, the fount of all forgiving,
Flows when you need it, rich, abundant, free.

Better than waters of some outer weeping, That leave you still with all your hidden sin, Here is a vintage richer for the keeping That works its transformation from within. 'What price?' you ask me, as we raise the glass, 'It cost our Saviour everything he has.'

~ Malcolm Guite



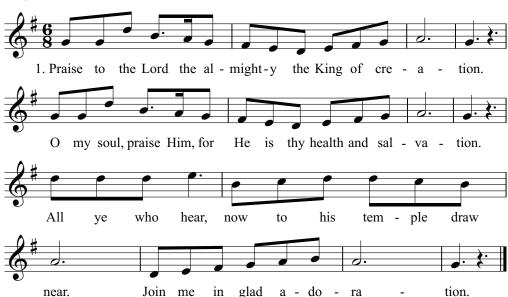
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Large Print orders of worship and devices to improve hearing are available in the back of the sanctuary.

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.



Praise to the Lord, Words: Joachim Neander, 1680. Music: Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665. arr. by Nathan Drake, Christ's Church, St. Louis.

Call to Worship

Leader:

All:

Psalm 134, A Psalm of Ascents

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

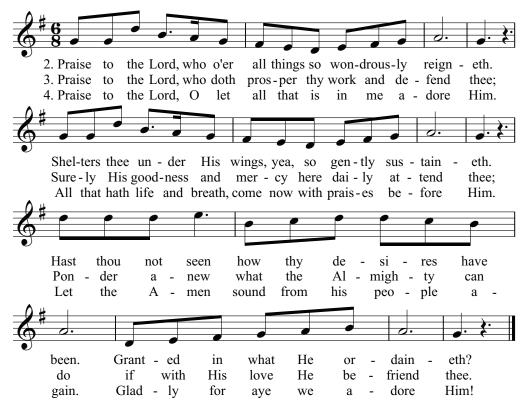
Let us lift up our hands to the holy place

and bless the LORD!

Leader: May the LORD bless you from Zion,

All: He has made heaven and earth!

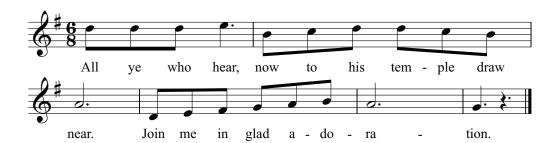
Come bless the Lord!



Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

O God, our Father, almighty King of creation, we lift our hands and bless you. 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.

All: Come Holy Spirit. Breath into us the breath of life. Remind us of our baptism. Renew in us your salvation. Amen.



2nd 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





Holy Baptism, Words, vs.1, Scott Brenner, 1903, vs.2-3, Steve Hendershot, 2012; Music, Paul vdBijl, 2012

Lucas Daniel Fiser, son Jeremy and Jodi, brother of William

Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

All: Ever-living God, in your mercy you promised to be not only our God but also the God of our children. We thank you for receiving **Lucas** by baptism. Keep him always in your love. Guide him as he grows in faith. Protect him in all the dangers and temptations of life. May he be a faithful disciple of your son Jesus Christ to his life's end. In Christ's name, Amen.

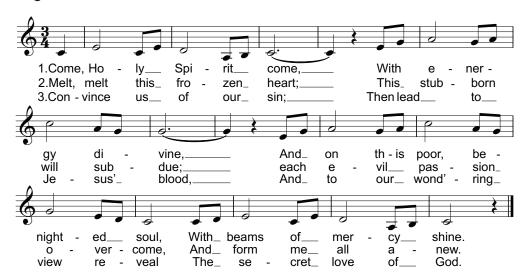
"Descend, O Spirit purging flame..."

Confession of Sin, from Romans 7.18-19

Leader: For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.

All: For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

Sing to Confess



Abbeville, Words: Benjamin Beddome, 1800; Music: The Sacred Harp, E.J. King, 1844

All: Silent time to pray and confess

a prayer to help with confession:

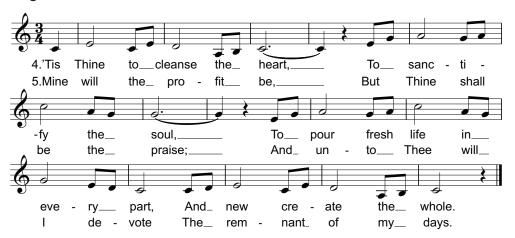
Most merciful God,
I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.
I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon, from Romans 8: 1-2

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

All: For the law of the Spirit of life has set us free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Sing to Assure



Lessons from the Word

read by Jeanie Hoover ①, Neil Okuley ②

Old Testament Lesson - Exodus 16.14-18 Gospel Lesson - Mark 12.41-44

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Respond to the Word

All sing: To Him who is able

To keep you from falling To Him to Him to Him To Him to Him to Him

We are standing in His presence With our garments clean and white All glory honor power majesty to Jesus Christ

Jude 23-24, by Sandra McCracken, 2016, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN.

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker Need and Abundance, 2 Corinthians 8:1–15

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

Notes:			

1st service only

Receive New Members, led by Pastor David Salsedo

Members Received: Mike & Tess Fisher Dubois, Zechariah A. Carrillo, Alex Grigoriev & Becca Falb, Hyunseob Kim & Kate E. Min, Mark Lester, Ron & Mary Baker, Nathan Beyer, Brendan & Katie Oosse, Jon Skinner, Sarah & Russell Kamp, Jared Knelsen, Joyce Yeo, Sai Simon

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.

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We are standing in His presence With our garments clean and white All glory honor power majesty to Jesus Christ

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.

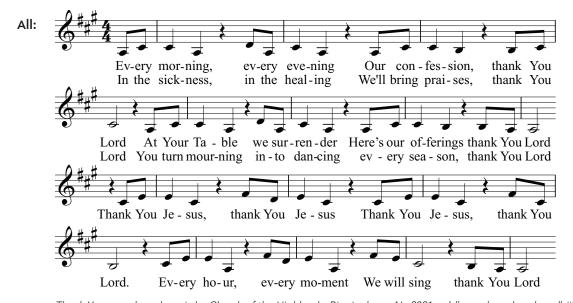
der: Lift up your hearts

Leader:

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 16, or text a donation amount to 84321.



Thank You, words and music by Church of the Highlands, Birmingham, AL, 2021, addl. words and arr. by vdbijl

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,

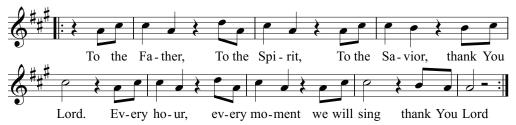
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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



Ta-ble, we feel your pre-sence in bo-dy bro-ken and blood out-poured.



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.

Music for Communion

You are welcome to join in song:



Respond to the Table

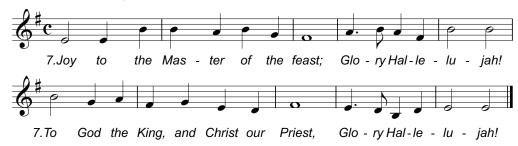
Leader:

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.

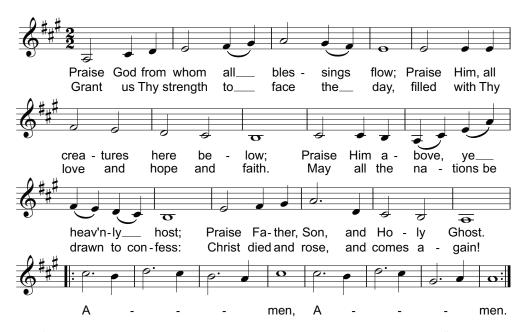


Jesus! We Bow Before Thy Feet, Words: Isaac Watts, 1700s, Music, The Sacred Harp, 1850

In Community

Announcements about Covenant events and opportunities during the coming weeks.

Go With Joy



Doxology, Words: Thomas Ken, 1709, Music, John Hatton, 1793, Chorus, Redeemer Knoxville, 2014

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

2nd service, 11:15am

- Nurseries, ages 0-4, lower level
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- Children's Worship: preK-5th Grade, 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 and electronic hearing assistance devices are available in the back of the sanctuary. An usher can assist you with finding and using these items.

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.

Winter Women's Luncheon: Head, Heart Hands: Rethinking Work in Light of the Gospel. Made in the image of our Creator, we're created to work – but where do our perspectives on work come from? How can our faith integrate with the activities and vocations to which we intentionally devote our time? Join us on Sunday, February 27 from 12:30 to 2:30 as Malissa Mackey of Faith & Work Chicago guides us through the way the gospel can shape our ideas of purpose, meaning and vocation. A catered lunch will be provided. The event costs \$10 and scholarships will be available. Look for registration information next week.

Sundry Times and Divers Manners: Reading the Old Testament. The Old Testament can be hard to read. We can find ourselves lost among the names, customs, geographies and histories that are altogether unfamiliar to us. Yet, these texts were Scripture to the earliest Christians, and remain so to this day. Join us for a 9-week class beginning February 6 in the All Saints Room during Common Ground. We'll talk about how to read the different genres in the Old Testament and how these texts relate to the epic story of Israel and Judah, and we'll reflect together on what it means to read these books as God's Word.

Connecting to God in Prayer: Why do we pray? What keeps us from praying? How do we pray when life is falling apart around us and how do we continue in prayer when what we long for most remains unanswered? Join us for a practical and honest six-week series on how we are invited to connect with God in prayer – in all seasons of life. Each class will have a time of teaching and small group discussion. Join us in the Library during Common Ground at 10:15am beginning February 6.



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 (Imgehrs@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 lan Troll (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).

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 (<u>dsalsedo@covenantchicago.org</u>).

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.

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). 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 9:1-15

Giving QR Code



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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

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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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