

A landscape photograph of a desert. In the foreground, there is a flat, light-colored sandy area. In the middle ground, a large, smooth sand dune rises. A single, dark, leafless tree stands on the flat ground to the right of the center. The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds.

# the last days

March 12, 2023 | 3rd Sunday of Lent

*Prayer*

*Prayer the Churches banquet, Angels age,  
Gods breath in man returning to his birth,  
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,  
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;*

*Engine against th' Almightye, sinner's towre,  
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,  
The six daies world-transposing in an houre,  
A kinde of tune, which all things heare and fear ;*

*Softnesse, and peace, and joy, and love, and blisse,  
Exalted Manna, gladnesse of the best,  
Heaven in ordinarie, man well drest,  
The milkie way, the bird of Paradise,*

*Church-bels beyond the stars heard, the souls bloud,  
The land of spices, something understood.*

*~ George Herbert*

*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

## Call to Worship



1 O wor - ship the King all glo - rious a bove,  
2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
3 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love:  
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der-clouds form,  
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

*O Worship the King, Words: Robert Grant, 1833, St. Mary's Church, Poona, India; Music: Johann M. Haydn (1737-1806)*

from Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,  
covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.

All: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works.  
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

5 O mea - sure - less Might, un - change - a - ble Love,  
whom an - gels de light to wor - ship a bove!  
Your ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze,  
in true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise!

### Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Leader: *Holy Father, in true adoration we thank you and sing your praise and worship you in our frailty. You cover us and in your presence renew us. We rest and find peace in you.*

Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit.\_\_\_\_  
Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, a - men. A - men.

Leader: Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit and through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
All: **open our eyes and hearts to your presence today. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Baptism

*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:

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature, which changes to 9/8 in the second staff, then back to 6/8 in the third, and finally to 9/8 in the fourth and fifth staves. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Come on\_ down, child-ren of God, to the Oc - ean of  
mer - cy\_ at the foot of the cross.\_ On the banks of the riv-er of  
love, you will find your re-demp - tion,\_ in the Sav-ior's shed blood.  
Bro - ther, sis - ter, child - ren, all, hear the Sa - vior's gent - le  
call, to be wash'd pure and made whole.

*by Paul van der Bijl, 2006*

**Charlotte Amy Bilhorn**, daughter of Donna and Andy

### 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 **Lottie** by baptism. Keep her always in your love. Guide her as she grows in faith. Protect her in all the dangers and temptations of life. May she be a faithful disciple of your son Jesus Christ to her life's end. In Christ's name, Amen.

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

## Confession of Sin, from 1 Peter 5:6–9

Leader: *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.*

All: **Father, our anxieties consume our hearts and minds.  
Forgive us our pride, thinking we are in control.  
Grant us humility and single-minded watchfulness under your mighty hand.**

### Silent time to pray and confess

1. There comes to our hearts one sweet strain,\_\_\_\_\_ A glad and a  
2. By Christ on the cross peace was made,\_\_\_\_\_ Our debts by His  
3. When at the cross, Sa - vior, we bow'd,\_\_\_\_\_ Our hearts with Your

joy - ous re - frain;\_\_\_\_\_ We sing it a - gain and a - gain,\_\_\_\_\_ Sweet  
death was all paid;\_\_\_\_\_ No o - ther foun - da - tion is laid\_\_\_\_\_ For  
peace did a - bound;\_\_\_\_\_ In You the rich bles - sing we found,\_\_\_\_\_ Sweet

Refrain

peace, the gift of God's love.\_\_\_\_\_ Peace, peace, sweet peace!  
peace, the gift of God's love.\_\_\_\_\_ Peace, peace, sweet peace!  
peace, the gift of God's love.\_\_\_\_\_

Won - der - ful gift from a - bove!\_\_\_\_\_ Oh, won - der - ful,  
won - der - ful peace! Sweet peace, the gift of God's love!

*Sweet Peace: Words and Music, P.P. Bilhorn, 1887, Moody Church, Chicago; arr. and addl. text, PvdBijl, 2023*



## Assurance of Pardon, *from 1 Peter 1:3-4, 5:10-11*

Leader: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

All: **The God of all grace, who has called us to his eternal glory in Christ, will  
himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us. To him be the dominion  
forever and ever. Amen.**

4. In Je - sus for peace we a - bide, \_\_\_\_\_ And as we keep  
close to His side, \_\_\_\_\_ His peace and his mer-cy re - side. \_\_\_\_\_ Sweet  
Refrain  
peace, the gift of God's love. \_\_\_\_\_ Peace, peace, sweet peace!  
Won - der-ful gift from a - bove! \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, won - der-ful,  
won-der - ful peace! Sweet peace, the gift of God's love!

## Lessons from the Word

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read by Brendan and Katie Oosse ①, Taylor Nesse ②

Old Testament Lesson -

Psalm 70.4-5, p.484

New Testament Lesson -

1 Thessalonians 5.6-11, p.987

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**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

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Pastor Aaron Baker

The Midnight Feast, Matthew 25:1–13, p.830

<sup>1</sup> “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



Notes:

Handwriting practice lines consisting of ten sets of four horizontal lines.

All:

Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let you lights ap - pear.

The eve-ning is ad-vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.

The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon He draw-eth nigh.

Up, pray, and watch, and wrest - le: At mid-night comes the cry!

A - - le - - lu - - ia

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on five staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## 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](http://covenantchicago.org/give), use the QR code on page 16, or text a donation amount to 84321.*

**All:**

You are the Al - pha and the O - me - ga, be - gin - ning  
You came from hea - ven suf - fered to save us, the sin - less

and the end; Lord God Al - migh - ty, King of the  
lamb of God; now you are ri - sen, you are ex -

a - ges, and wor - thy of all praise.  
al - ted and crown'd the Lord of lords.

*Chorus*

1. Je - sus, Faith - ful and True, you are ho - ly,  
2. Je - sus, wort - hy of ho - nour and glo - ry,

there is no - one like you, Lord of heav'n and earth.  
King of love and mer - cy, Lord of heav'n and earth.

*You Are the Alpha and the Omega, Words and Music, Andy Clark and Matt Weeks, Northgate Church, Chester, UK, 2022*

## Lenten Great Thanksgiving

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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.

**All:** We remember during our journey through Lent that from the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

Leader: When we turned away from you our love failed, but your love remained steadfast.

**All:** For forty days and forty nights your Son Jesus Christ fasted and was tempted in the wilderness,

Leader: and by his suffering, death and resurrection you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us the new covenant by water and the Spirit.

**All:** For forty days and forty nights we remember Christ's sacrifice.

Leader: Lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, and with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, may we praise your name and join their unending 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.

The musical score is written for three staves in 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "You are the Al - pha and the O - me - ga, be - gin - ning and the end; Lord God Al - migh - ty, King of the a - ges, and wor - thy of all praise."

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and the end; Lord God Al - migh - ty, King of the  
a - ges, and wor - thy of all praise.

## 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.

### 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:*



Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let you lights ap - pear.  
See that your lamps are bur - ning; re - ple - nish them with oil.  
O wise and ho - ly vir - gins, now raise your voi - ces high,  
Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus now app - ear!



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.  
And wait for your sal - va - tion, the end of ear - thly toil.  
un - til in songs of tri - umph ye meet the an - gel choir.  
Ar - ise thou Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere!



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon He draw - eth nigh.  
The wat - chers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near.  
The mar - riage feast is wai - ting, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray, and watch, and wrest - le: At mid - night comes the cry!  
Go meet Him as He com - eth with al - le - lu - ias clear!  
Rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that brings us un - to Thee.



A - - le - lu - ia

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers, Words: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; Music: Paul van der Bijl, 2008*

## 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.**



## The Work of the People

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*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.*

### ***in community***

Events and opportunities at Covenant during the coming weeks.

**in statement of faith,** *from the book of Revelation*

Leader: Christian, what do we believe about Christ and his Kingdom?

**All:** We believe there will be a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth will pass away, and the sea will be no more.

Leader: And how will the Kingdom come?

**All:** The holy city, new Jerusalem, will come down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Leader: What will the holy city be like?

**All:** The water of life, bright as crystal,  
will flow from the throne of God  
and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city  
and on either side of the river will be the tree of life.  
We will see his face, and his name will be on our foreheads.  
And night will be no more. We will need no light of lamp or sun,  
for the Lord God will be our light, and we will reign forever and ever.

Leader: And what will Christ, the Lamb, do for us in the holy city?

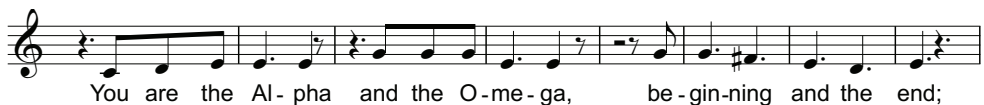
**All:** He will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things will pass away.

Leader: And why do we believe this is true?

**All:** For the Lord says:  
 "Behold, I am making all things new and these words are trustworthy and true."  
 "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.  
 To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.  
 The one who conquers will have this heritage,  
 and I will be your God and you will be my people.

Leader: He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

**All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**





## Go With Joy, *from 1 Peter 3:18*

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The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/2 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of four lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God from whom all\_\_ bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all Grant us Thy strength to\_\_ face the\_\_ day, filled with Thy crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye\_\_ love and hope and faith. May all the na - tions be heav'n-ly\_\_ host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. drawn to con - fess: Christ died and rose, and comes a - gain! A - - - men, A - - - men.'

Praise God from whom all\_\_ bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all  
Grant us Thy strength to\_\_ face the\_\_ day, filled with Thy  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye\_\_  
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A - - - men, A - - - men.

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

## Leader: **Benediction**

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*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

- Nursery: Ages 0-4 (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: Pre-K-8th (Lower Level)
- Sunday School: High School (Youth Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: For Forty Days and Forty Nights (Conference Room, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Imagining Our Neighbor (Library, Ed Building)
- Adult Education: Covenant Life Class (All Saints Room, Lower Level)
- **Coffee and snacks available in all classrooms and the Fellowship Hall**

### Volunteers in Service Today:

Communion Servers: Jonathan Spalink, Mike Fisher Dubois, Mark Lester (9:00); James Leach, Christie Kay, Matthew Siefert (11:15)

Ushers: Kim Edison, Margret-Ann Natsis (9:00); Rich Van der Molen (11:15)

## 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.**

**Covenant Life Class:** Consider joining us for our four-week Covenant Life Class taught by the pastors during Common Ground. This class is a requirement for those who wish to become members, but it's equally valuable for those who are interested in learning more about the church and the things we care about most, starting with the gospel. The class will meet at 10:15am in the All Saints Room.

**For Forty Days and Forty Nights:** The season of Lent started on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter. Join us for this four-week class that will explore the history, traditions and practices of Lent and Holy Week. We'll reflect on the themes of fasting, repentance and death and talk about the history and practices of Lent in the church broadly and at Covenant. Class meets in the Conference Room during Common Ground and is taught by Larissa Bossemeyer. This week we'll talk about fasting.

**Imagining Our Neighbor: Art and Empathy.** The stories we encounter in film, music and literature invite us to imagine experiences and emotions that we may not have firsthand experiences of. How does art help us to be more empathetic people? In what ways do stories help us to love our neighbors? Join us for this four-week class during Common Ground in the Library as we look at how different media invite us into seeing and loving the people around us.



**Line Dance and Chili Cook-Off:** Join us and Lincoln Square Presbyterian Church on March 25 at 6 pm in Covenant's gym for a chili cook-off where you can sample the chilis competing in this year's cook-off. At 7 pm, we will host a line dance. We need your help to make this cook-off a success! If you'd like to compete in the chili cook-off, help setup and decorate the gym, assist with kitchen prep or help with cleanup, please fill out the form at <https://covenantchicago.org/events/chili-cookoff/> or contact Paul van der Bijl ([pvanderbijl@covenantchicago.org](mailto:pvanderbijl@covenantchicago.org)).



**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](mailto:breakthrough@covenantchicago.org) for more information.

**Congregational Meeting:** We'll have a congregational meeting in the gym on April 2 during Common Ground at 10:15 am. We'll talk about the 2023-24 budget, the Accessibility project that was started last year, and some other initiatives and partnerships that we've been able to build over the last year. Nurseries and children's Sunday School will be available.

**Mentoring at Pulaski School:** This spring we are launching a partnership with our neighborhood CPS school, Pulaski International School of Chicago. We are looking for 4-6 adults who would be willing to serve in our pilot program as mentors to 6th through 8th grade students in the month of May. There will be a training session in April to equip the mentors. After that, the time commitment is one day a week from 4-5 pm throughout the month of May. If you are interested or just want to learn more, please reach out to Martha Metcalfe at [martha.metcalfe@gmail.com](mailto:martha.metcalfe@gmail.com) by March 27.

**Men's Retreat:** Save the date for our annual Men's Retreat at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, WI from April 28-30. Look for more information and registration soon.

**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](mailto:dadamson@covenantchicago.org)).

**Wednesday Morning Women's Group:** Join other women from Covenant on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am for a small group. They are currently studying Vanishing Grace by Phillip Yancey. Childcare is available. Contact Emily Willis for more details ([emily.m.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:emily.m.schroeder@gmail.com)).

**Pickleball at Covenant:** Pickleball will be available in the Covenant gym on some Saturday mornings, from 9-11 am. Bring your own paddle and join other Covenant folks for some co-ed fun and exercise. Instructors will be available if you have never played and there will be a few paddles available to borrow if needed. Sign up at [covenantchicago.org/pickleball](http://covenantchicago.org/pickleball) for upcoming dates. Contact Ian Cull ([iancull74@gmail.com](mailto:iancull74@gmail.com)) with questions.



**Gospel Justice Center:** Please pray for Covenant's Gospel Justice Center, a legal-aid clinic created in partnership with Together Chicago and Administer Justice, and run entirely by Covenant volunteers. On the second Saturday of every month, we welcome our neighbors with legal questions from the Logan Square, Bucktown, Garfield Park and Humboldt Park neighborhoods. Please pray for us to care well for our guests, and pray for us to grow in our ability to become a more known presence in our neighborhood.

**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).

**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)).



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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.*



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